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" Hannah A. Dow, ... Colby
" M. E. Little, ... Wichita

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" Lillie M. Glass, ... Coffeyville
" Martha Kiger, ... White City
" May E. Lapham, ... Herington
" Mary McFarland . . . . . Lincoln
" Agnes R. James, ... Hutchinson

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Corps 1, Kansas City—M. L. Daish, Alternate.
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Corps 3, Olathe—Mary A. Carpenter, President; Lila Brown, Past President.
Corps 4, Paola—Carrie B. Straight, President; Julia Haughey, Mrs. T. E. Butts, Delegates.
Corps 5, North Topeka—Ellen M. Parkhurst, President; Maggie Holcomb, Delegate.
Corps 6, Junction City—Florence Pickens, Delegate; Sarah J. Brown, Past President.
Corps 7, ElDorado—Georgianna Smith, Alternate; Hattie E. Riley, Past President.
Corps 8, Cawker City—Emma B. Alrich, Past President.
Corps 9, Lawrence—Amanda Evatt, President; Emma Moys, M. R. Dillon, Delegates.
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Corps 12, Ellsworth—Matie Seeley, Delegate.

Corps 13, Brookville—Not represented.

Corps 14, Liberty—Dora Maxson, Delegate.

Corps 15, Holton—Anna F. Williams, Alternate.

Corps 16, Anthony—Not represented.

Corps 17, Pleasanton—H. A. Hendricks, Delegate.

Corps 18, Scranton—Not represented.

Corps 19, Eskridge—Not represented.

Corps 20, Minneapolis—Martha Jones, Delegate.

Corps 21, Augusta—Maggie B. Leppleman, Delegate.

Corps 22, Kansas City—Pauline Woodfork, President; Lizzie Low, Delegate.

Corps 23, Madison—Not represented.

Corps 24, Louisburg—Not represented.

Corps 25, Nickerson—Ruth R. Hendry, Past President.

Corps 26, Colby—Clara M. Nicol, President.

Corps 27, Miltonvale—Not represented.

Corps 28, Spring Hill—Addie Snyder, President; Augusta Jones, Delegate; Adelia Adams, Past President.

Corps 29, Stockton—Not represented.

Corps 30, Gridley—Not represented.

Corps 31, Columbus—Delia A. Leeper, President; Amanda Knapp, Delegate; Olive Reed, Philena J. Dennison, Past Presidents.

Corps 32, Galena—M. J. Hart, President; E. S. Roy, Delegate; N. E. Willifred, B. A. Jacobs, Past Presidents.

Corps 33, Osage City—Sarah E. Adams, President; Jennie Hanslip, Delegate.

Corps 34, Hill City—Not represented.

Corps 35, Culver—Bessie Applebaugh, Alternate.

Corps 36, Howard—Araminta Martin, Delegate.

Corps 37, Burlingame—Mrs. Annie Lamb, Alternate.

Corps 38, Alton—Not represented.

Corps 39, Dwight—Elizabeth Brooks, Delegate.

Corps 40, Wichita—Helena Mason, Jessie Bird, Delegates.

Corps 41, Jetmore—Not represented.
Corps 42, Hiawatha—Maria L. Aten, Delegate; Julia A. Chase, Past President.
Corps 43, Manhattan—Hila B. McBride, President; Emeline Hoar, Mary E. Cress, Delegates; Ellen M. Kimball, Jennie R. Marsh, Past Presidents.
Corps 44, Sabetha—Flora Preston Hogbin, National Secretary.
Corps 45, Longton—Not represented.
Corps 46, Wayne—Not represented.
Corps 47, Collyer—Not represented.
Corps 48, Clifton—Maggie R. Stober, Delegate.
Corps 49, Delphos—Luella Clingenpeel, Delegate.
Corps 50, Topeka—Ida Scott, President.
Corps 51, Salina—Alice H. Beard, Cora Sherman, Delegates.
Corps 52, Beloit—Not represented.
Corps 53, Fredonia—Sue McMichael, Delegate.
Corps 54, Oronoque—Not represented.
Corps 55, Neodesha—Eliza J. Sopher, President; Maggie Bradfield, Alternate.
Corps 56, Arkansas City—Sophia A. Davis, President; Elmira Wooldridge, Delia Balcom, Delegates.
Corps 57, Rush Center—Jessie Shiney, Alternate.
Corps 58, Altamont—Sarah J. Murray, Delegate; Martha E. Miles, Sarah C. Ross, Past Presidents.
Corps 59, Smith Center—Not represented.
Corps 60, Burden—Not represented.
Corps 61, Larned—Inez A. Jose, Maggie Cline, Delegates.
Corps 62, Lebo—Tena B. Speer, President.
Corps 63, Abilene—Olive J. Peters, President; Lucy Ainsworth, Mary A. Huggins, Delegates.
Corps 64, Garnett—Lucy C. Mills, Alternate.
Corps 65, Douglass—Ellen A. Pratt, President; Fannie Johnston, Delegate.
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Corps 68, Ottumwa—Not represented.
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Corps 70, Emporia—Pharaby McCandless, Junior Vice-President; Mary J. Rudisill, Sallie Martindale, Mary Hardy, Delegates.

Corps 71, Newton—Mary C. Stewart, President; B. Gracey, M. Kinney, Delegates; Georgiana Edwards, Past President.

Corps 72, Council Grove—Not represented.

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Corps 76, Parsons—Anna Heacock, President; May Patten, Delegate; Hattie Walser, Sarah Horr, Past Presidents.

Corps 77, Wamego—Mary E. Cotton, Delegate.

Corps 78, Formosa—Not represented.

Corps 79, Clyde—B. Sargent, President.

Corps 80, Garrison—Not represented.

Corps 81, Uniontown—Not represented.

Corps 82, Macksville—Not represented.

Corps 83, Oneida—Not represented.

Corps 84, Cherryvale—E. Louise Logan, President; S. J. Howard, Delegate; Amelia Edgerly, Past President.

Corps 85, Turon—Not represented.

Corps 86, Ionia—Linnie Dresslar, Alternate.

Corps 87, Glasco—S. L. Woodward, Delegate.

Corps 88, Leavenworth—Not represented.

Corps 89, Sedgwick—Not represented.

Corps 90, Chanute—Almira Harmon, Delegate; Dora Wickard, Past President.

Corps 91, Ness City—Not represented.

Corps 92, Argonia—Sue Gile, Delegate.

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Corps 98, Pittsburg—Josie Coon, Emma Hinman, Delegates.

Corps 99, Peabody—Not represented.

Corps 100, Hays City—Not represented.

Corps 101, Linn—Not represented.

Corps 102, Baldwin—E. S. Anderson, Delegate.

Corps 103, Marion—Sarah E. Malcomb, Delegate.

Corps 104, Atchison—Emma Edson, Alternate.

Corps 105, Iuka—Not represented.

Corps 106, Silver Lake—Mary E. Mills, Alternate.

Corps 107, Gardner—Not represented.

Corps 108, Robinson—Not represented.

Corps 109, Codell—Not represented.

Corps 110, McPherson—Laura B. Bonney, President; Lydia Shaw, Ella Morgan, Delegates.

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Corps 114, Louisville—Not represented.

Corps 115, Valley Center—Not represented.

Corps 116, Kensington—Not represented.

Corps 117, Independence—Margaret Adair, Lorena B. Way, Delegates.

Corps 118, Colony—Not represented.

Corps 119, Lincoln—Not represented.

Corps 120, Girard—Pauline Ennis, President; Elizabeth Magie, Alternate; Carrie S. Smith, Harriet Maxwell, Elvira Bordwell, Past Presidents.

Corps 121, Scottsville—Not represented.

Corps 122, Mound City—J. H. Trego, President; C. D. Flora, Delegate.
Corps 123, Cedarville—Not represented.
Corps 124, Bunker Hill—Not represented.
Corps 125, Solomon City—Mattie E. Hopkins, President.
Corps 126, Russell—Not represented.
Corps 127, Frederick—Jane Hays, President.
Corps 128, Greenleaf—Not represented.
Corps 129, Gaylord—Not represented.
Corps 130, Mankato—Belle Sanders, Delegate.
Corps 131, Caldwell—Not represented.
Corps 132, Industry—Not represented.
Corps 133, Eureka—Mary Clogston, President; Mary Buck, Alternate; Anna Watson, Past President.
Corps 134, Logan—Not represented.
Corps 135, Courtland—Not represented.
Corps 136, Portis—Not represented.
Corps 137, Mt. Hope—Peressa York, Delegate.
Corps 138, White City—Disbanded February 15, 1893.
Corps 139, Cherokee—Allie Morrison, President; Lola E. Lucas, Delegate; Jennie M. Kemp, Frances D. Dennis, Past President.
Corps 140, WaKeeney—Matilda Hutzel, Past President.
Corps 141, Belle Plaine—Not represented.
Corps 142, Irving—Not represented.
Corps 143, Jamestown—Not represented.
Corps 144, Colwich—Belle Manamee, Delegate.
Corps 145, Iola—M. L. Miller, President; Mary E. Smeltzer, Delegate, Anna Apple, Past President.
Corps 146, Lyndon—Mary Cotterman, Delegate.
Corps 147, Elk Falls—Not represented.
Corps 148, Atchison—Alice Woodard, Delegate; Mary E. Cole, Past President.
Corps 149, Norton—Elsie Wallace, Alternate; Corilla Bridegroom, Past President.
Corps 150, Melvern—Not represented.
Corps 151, Wilson—Fannie George, Delegate; Zora Briggs, Past President.
Corps 152, Elk City—Not represented.

Corps 153, Lone Elm: Emily McDowell, President; Maggie Miller, Delegate.
Corps 154, Geuda Springs: Not represented.
Corps 155, Vilas: Cordelia Borden, Delegate.
Corps 156, Harper: M. A. Lee, Past President.
Corps 157, Burrton: Not represented.
Corps 158, Americus: Not represented.
Corps 159, Kirwin: Not represented.
Corps 160, Cedarvale: Sarah Prill, Delegate.
Corps 161, Goodland: Fannie Dickey, Past President.
Corps 162, Almena: Not represented.
Corps 163, Wallace: Martha A. Teele, Delegate.
Corps 164, Liberal: Not represented.
Corps 165, Wathena: Not represented.
Corps 166, Webster: Not represented.
Corps 167, Gove City: Not represented.
Corps 168, Conway Springs: Effa Hart, Delegate.
Corps 169, Ada: Not represented.
Corps 170, Atlanta: Not represented.
Corps 171, Coffeyville: W. H. Clark, President; L. M. Skinner, Delegate.
Corps 172, Blue Rapids: Ida Axtell, Delegate.
Corps 173, Udall: Alice E. Miles, President.
Corps 174, Burr Oak: Mary E. Richardson, President; Mary L. Jordan, Past President.
Corps 175, Atwood: Not represented.
Corps 176, Yates Center: Mary Kimblade, Alternate.
Corps 177, Argentine: Katie C. Killmer, Delegate.
Corps 178, Whitewater: Not represented.
Corps 179, Dodge City: Anna M. Swan, President; Maggie A. Shaw, Delegate.
Corps 180, Leoti: Not represented.
Corps 181, Leeds: Eva C. Ward, President; Indi Ann Purden, Alternate.
Corps 182, Barnes: Not represented.
Corps 183, Oberlin: Clara Hayes, Delegate; Ardelia Baritean, Past President.
Corps 184, Chetopa: Not represented.
Corps 185, Moline: Mrs. Hansom, Alternate; Ida Fouts, Past President.

Corps 186, Lucas: Not represented.
Corps 187, Bazine: Not represented.
Corps 188, Leonardsville: Not represented.
Corps 189, Sedan: Samantha Hatch, Delegate; Carrie E. Ward, Past President.
Corps 190, Troy: Laura V. Reeder, President; Minnie Schletzbaum, Delegate; Chloe M. Leland, Mattie Leland, Past Presidents.
Corps 191, Emporia: Helen E. Miller, President; Dora Rogers, Maggie Wood, Delegates.
Corps 192, Chautauqua: Not represented.
Corps 193, Hoxie: Lydia B. Turner, President.
Corps 194, Wilder: Jennie Piper, Delegate; Jane B. Anderson, Sallie M. Henderson, Past Presidents.
Corps 195, Perth: Electa Herron, Delegate.
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Corps 197, Beverly: Celia Steele, Delegate.
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Corps 199, St. John: Not represented.
Corps 200, Leavenworth: Hattie E. Comstock, Delegate.
Corps 201, Towanda: Not represented.
Corps 202, Mound Valley: Not represented.
Corps 203, Dunlap: Not represented.
Corps 204, Benton: Not represented.
Corps 205, Goffs: Not represented.
Corps 206, Marysville: Not represented.
Corps 207, Morantown: Not represented.
Corps 208, Wellington: E. M. Carson, Delegate.
Corps 209, Mulvane: Sarah Fitzsimmons, President.
Corps 210, Marion: Not represented.
Corps 211, Santa Fe: Not represented.
Corps 212, Kingman: W. B. Herod, Delegate.
Corps 213, Herington: Josephine Watkins, Alternate.
Corps 214, St. Francis: Not represented.
Corps 215, Dighton: Not represented.
Corps 216, Hodgeman: Not represented.
Corps 217, Chico: Not represented.

Corps 218, Long Island: Not represented.
Corps 219, Marquette: L. J. Fowler, President.
Corps 220, Pratt: Not represented.
Corps 221, Phillipsburg: E. M. Lowe, Delegate.
Corps 222, Haven: Not represented.
Corps 223, McCracken: Not represented.
Corps 224, McLouth: Sarah Kenyon, Alternate; Lizzie Nye, Past President.
Corps 225, Strong City: Not represented.
Corps 226, Milford: Not represented.
Corps 227, Bluff City: Not represented.
Corps 228, Wakefield: Minnie Myers, Alternate.
Corps 229, Agra: Not represented.
Corps 230, Nonchalanta: Not represented.
Corps 231, Glen Elder: Jennie Bailiff, Delegate.
Corps 232, Ulysses: Not represented.
Corps 233, Hamilton: Not represented.
Corps 234, Bonner Springs: Mary Johnson, Delegate.
Corps 235, Neal: Not represented.
Corps 236, Hope: Not represented.
Corps 237, Sterling: Not represented.
Corps 238, Seneca: Not represented.
Corps 239, Tescott: Not represented.
Corps 240, Garden City: Not represented.
Corps 241, La Crosse: F. A. Scranton, Alternate.
Corps 242, Toronto: Frank E. Wert, Delegate.
Corps 243, Syracuse: Not represented.
Corps 244, Weir: Not represented.
Corps 245, Cairo: Not represented.
Corps 246, Burdett: Not represented.
Corps 247, Greensburg: Not represented.
Corps 248, Lebanon: Not represented.
Corps 249, Lecompton: Sarah F. Harris, President.
Corps 250, Bucklin: Not represented.
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Convention Proceedings.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met in regular session in the Methodist Episcopal church in the city of Pittsburg, Tuesday, February 21st, 1893, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Department President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore.

All united in singing the opening ode, led by Mrs. Belle C. Harris. Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Mrs. Mary K. Holland.

The Department President then announced the following officers for the Convention:

Conductors:

Ellen M. Kimball.....Manhattan
Maude Gerow.....Atchison
Julia McCarthy.....Larned
May E. Lapham.....Herington

Guards:

Olive May .....Hutchinson
Matilda Hutzell.....WaKeeney
Ida Fouts.....Moline
Katie C. Killmer.....Argentine

Pianist:

Emma Hinman.....Pittsburg

Assistant Secretary and Press Reporter:

Emma B. Alrich.....Cawker City

The Conductors reported all present in possession of the proper password.

The Department President then declared the Convention

formally open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

The Department President then announced the following committees:

Credentials:

Alice M. Seeds.....Abilene
Josephine Watkins.....Herington
Olive J. Peters.....Abilene

Resolutions:

Corilla Bridegroom.....Norton
Flora P. Hogbin.....Sabetha
Theodosia Butts.... .. . ... Paolá
E. E. Ranney.....Burlington
Maggie Wood.....Emporia

Telegrams and Courtesies:

Allie Myers.....Olathe
Carrie E. Ward..... .....Sedan
Josie Coon.....Pittsburg

The National President, Mrs. Margaret Ray Wickins, and a part of her staff were then formally introduced to the Convention.

The Department Officers were then invited to the platform and introduced to the Convention.

The Department President then called the attention of the Convention to the historic gavel stand which had been kindly furnished for the use of the Convention by Dr. Taylor, of Pittsburg. This stand is a section of a tree from the battlefield of Chickamauga and literally filled with bullets, shot and shells—sad reminders of that fearful and memorable battle. In response to a request that all present having either father, husband, son or brother in that battle should rise, thirty-three ladies arose.

On motion of Mrs. Julia A. Chase, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Taylor for the use of this historic relic.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

We find from the election returns received from the Corps of this Department, the whole number entitled to vote at this Ninth Annual Convention to be 970; of which 173 are reported present at this opening session and have been furnished the Delegates' badges which have been presented for this purpose by Gen. Russell Corps, No. 98, of Pittsburg.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
JOSEPHINE WATKINS,
OLIVE J. PETERS,
Committee.

The Convention was then declared open for the reception of comrades and other visitors to listen to the reading of the reports of the Department Officers.

A large delegation of comrades of the Grand Army was announced in waiting. They were admitted and Commander Greene escorted to the platform and the comrades seated.

Mrs. Edith M. Wood, of Pittsburg, then delivered an address of welcome as follows:

"*Mrs. President and Members of the Ninth Annual Convention*:

"As I come before you today to extend to you a welcome from Gen. Russell Corps No. 98 as their representative, and from the citizens of Pittsburg, I feel a justifiable pride in saying that I am bidding welcome to the grandest and noblest organization in existence. As the time drew near for the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps it was with a feeling of pride that the Corps whose duty it is to act the part of hostess, looked forward to the event with much pleasure.

"And as to me has been assigned the pleasant task of extending this welcome, I wish you to know how heartily we appreciate the honor conferred upon us, and how gladly we welcome you to our midst. We are very desirous of making your visit to our Smoky City one never to be forgotten, full of pleasant memories, so that when you depart from us you will wish to return.

"Our industries consist of six zinc smelters, a silver smelter, implement factory, machine shops, planing mill, numerous coal shafts, and a vitrified brick plant, where the brick is made with which our streets are paved.

"It is the earnest desire of all our citizens, that whatever

time you can spare from the business of this Convention should be spent in viewing these many places of interest. The doors to our manufactories and coal shafts are always open to visitors; and there you will find a welcome for the operators are always ready to show and explain the different processes of the manufactory.

"There have been a number of Grand Lodges in session in this city in the past year but I can assure you none have come with a more hearty welcome than the 'Boys in Blue' and Woman's Relief Corps.

"Pittsburg feels honored for never before has she had the opportunity of welcoming the saviors of our noble country.

"Never have the loyal hearted ladies of Pittsburg had the privilege of grasping in a warm handclasp those who pledge themselves to care for the disabled soldier, his widow, or orphans.

"We wish to be better acquainted with you, we open our hearts and homes and bid you enter.

"And again in the name of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I bid you a hearty welcome."

The Department President responded as follows:

"In behalf of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Womans' Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, I thank you for this hearty welcome. Ever since our entrance into your busy, bustling, prosperous city, we have realized we were among friends.

"And these formal words of welcome touch our hearts deeply, and we wish to assure you we appreciate the kindness shown us by Gen. Russell Corps, No. 98, and the citizens of Pittsburg. We trust we shall gain as much benefit from our Convention as pleasure from this visit. This meeting and the hearty welcome, cordial reception, and royal entertainment accorded us will ever be to us a pleasant memory."

Mrs. Wood then said:

"And now, Mrs. President, I have another pleasant little duty to perform which comes right along in this line.

"Recognizing the fact that, 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' and that the hand that holds the gavel has

more opportunity, not only to rule the world, but to relieve the distressed, comfort the sick, and watch over the widow and orphan.

"And recognizing in you one of the kind hearted loyal ladies of our noble Order, a lady who has conducted the business of this Department, without jealousy or discord, and one who I believe is beloved by all your associates in the work, as president of Gen. Russell Corps, No. 98, I have the pleasure of presenting to you this gavel. It is composed of several kinds of material. The light colored oak in the head of it is from the limb of a tree which stands on the battlefield of Wilson Creek, the sacred spot where fell the gallant and bravest of brave generals, Nathaniel Lyon."

"This battle-field was the scene of the most desperate fighting of any during the late war. The walnut handle represents the native wood which grows along all fair Kansas' streams. The metal tips are zinc, representative of our own 'Smoky City.' In this you will see the labor of our thousands of wage earners. The niscription designates whence it came and to whom it is presented.

"Altogether it represents the loyalty and good will of the Woman's Relief Corps of Pittsburg.

"Our hearts and best wishes are ever with you and when you have finished this session of the Department Convention. We hope that you will place it among your choicest treasures. May you, Mrs. President, accept it and remember Gen. Russell Corps No. 98 as being loyal to you, loyal to our Order, and loyal to our Nation."

The Department President responded as follows:

Mrs. Wood and Members of Gen. Russell Corps:

"This presentation of this historic gavel is a complete surprise to me, but I thank you most sincerely for this evidence of your good will towards me. I had long looked forward to this visit to Pittsburg and find it a prosperous young city. It is indeed worthy of being called the 'Pittsburg of the West.' This gavel, the head of which is of wood from the the Battle of Wilson Creek, tipped with zinc from your own smelters, beautifully engraved, the handle of our own Kansas wood, walnut,

will ever be to me a most precious souvenir. Again, I thank you."

The annual address of the Department President, and the reports of Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Counselor, and Inspector were then read and each referred to a committee.

Short addresses were then made by Commander Greene, Capt. J. B. Johnson, Capt. Bernard Kelly, and Comrades Diehl, and A. Johnson, which were received with much applause.

Commander Greene invited the Convention to an open session of the Grand Army to listen to the reports of their officers at 2 o'clock. This invitation was accepted and the Convention adjourned, to meet at 3. p. m.

President's Address.

To the Officers and Members of the Ninth Annual Convention Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is a pleasant and auspicious occasion that has brought us down to this young and prosperous city to give an account of our stewardship for the past year, and to legislate for the future. In the name of the Department I bid you welcome.

Since last we met one more year has been added to the history of our Order. While the year that has just past has been a year of responsibilities and much hard work, it has not been devoid of interest and pleasure to those who have been actively engaged in the promotion of the work of our Order which is today accomplishing so much to relieve the distress and suffering caused by the War of the Rebellion.

It is not my purpose today to burden this Convention with the details of the work of the past year. The reports of the various officers will be found to contain a summary of the work of the year as performed in their various offices and will be submitted to the careful consideration of this Convention. For my own work I can only say that while I have given to it the greater part of my time and the best of my ability, I am conscious of having accomplished much less than I had hoped when you honored me with this position one year ago. The field is so large, the Corps so numerous, and the demands so frequent that it is an impossible task for the President to personally supervise more than a small fraction of the details of the work. But as I pledged to you one year ago my very best efforts for the work in this Department, so have I faithfully tried to fulfill that pledge.

We have met not only to review the work of the past year but to plan for the coming year; and in our deliberations during

this Convention, may we ever bear in mind the "Good of the Order."

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The Department Secretary will make a very gratifying report of the Corps intrusted to our care.

It has been my aim during the year not only to add new Corps to our roster but to strengthen the weak ones. Our Order has advanced during the year with a good substantial growth. There are now 254 Corps on our roster with a membership of 7357.

Amount expended for relief by the Corps,	$3,835.70
Amount expended for relief other than money,	2,681.52
Amount expended by the Department,	175.00
Amount turned over to Posts,	1,478.50
Making a total of	$8,090.72

I have issued during the year ten General Orders, two Special Orders, and three Circular Letters.

Circular Letter, No. 1, I sent, in December, to the Commander of each Post in the State having no Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary thereto. Two Corps have already been organized as a result of this letter, and I have reason to believe others will soon follow.

Much time, labor and patience has been given to the immense correspondence incident to the work of this Department. This has occupied no inconsiderable portion of my time. To all communications I have accorded a ready response, whether they demanded official recognition or not. All answers to communications from Corps members requiring official information have been forwarded to such members through their Corps President.

I have granted numerous Special Dispensations, sent many commissions and details for Corps Instituting and Installing officers.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

It has been a pleasure to respond to the invitations to visit

Corps officially, and when not engaged in other official duties, I have invariably accepted these invitations. Many new friendships have thus been formed which I shall always appreciate, and I trust the Order has received at least some benefit from these visits.

I inspected the Corps at Larned, Salina, Beloit, Scottsville, and Herington. Installed the officers at Abilene, Hutchinson, Herington, Wamego, Manhattan, and Lecompton. Instituted Corps 132 at Industry, and Corps 249 at Lecompton.

During the year there have arisen difficulties which required official action in Corps Nos. 40, 100, and 221.

In each of these Corps the trouble arose from the illegal election of officers. Upon request I visited Corps Nos. 40 and 100 for the purpose of adjusting the difficulties. In both cases the illegality of the election grew out of failure to notify each member of the Corps of the election of officers as required by Rules and Regulations. After due investigation, a new election was ordered and officers elected who had taken no part in the trouble. Both Corps are now working harmoniously and reported as doing well.

The settlement of the difficulty in No. 221, I placed in the hands of Mrs. Lucy R. Jones, Department Junior Vice President. In this Corps two elections had been held, both proving to be illegal. As in both the other cases a new election was ordered and a President elected who had taken no part in the difficulties. The report from Mrs. Jones is that this Corps has bright prospects for the future.

Great credit is due our Department Junior Vice President for the admirable tact and skill displayed in the amicable adjustment of this difficulty. Many minor difficulties have arisen in other Corps in the Department during the year, but fortunately they have always been adjusted by correspondence.

MEMORIAL DAY.

From the Chaplain's report it will be seen that Memorial Day was generally observed throughout the State with appropriate ceremonies.

This beautiful custom of assisting the Grand Army in every possible way in the sacred exercises of "perpetuating the memory of the heroic dead" by bringing our floral offerings as tributes and placing them above the true and the brave "who are bivouaced on the Eternal Camping Ground," is rapidly growing. Each year while it increases the work, as one by one the soldiers are laid to rest to await the reveille from on high, it finds more willing hands to perform it.

Let it be our sacred duty to perpetuate this tender and touching custom.

SPECIAL RELIEF WORK.

The towns of Towanda, Harper, and Wellington were visited last spring by destructive cyclones. The Corps at these places suffered severely; all of them by loss of property and at Towanda the Secretary was killed and the Chaplain injured severely.

Upon learning of these disasters and the great need of these Corps, I at once sent $35.00 to each from the Department Relief Fund, and issued a Special Order asking the Corps in this Department to contribute to the relief of these sufferers. A very liberal response was made to this call as you will note from the Treasurer's Report, showing that the members of our Order are ever ready to respond to the call for aid from those who need our assistance.

About the time of these cyclones Corps No. 36, at Howard, Kansas, was so unfortunate as to lose all of its property by fire. Application was made to the Department by the Corps President asking aid from the Corps through General Orders to help them replace their hall, organ, and Corps property.

But upon learning that there were Corps far more unfortunate than themselves this application was withdrawn saying "Give all to those Corps which are more unfortunate than ourselves."

The self sacrificing spirit here manifested by this Corps is worthy of highest praise; and by earnest work this Corps is gradually replacing its loss.

There has also been expended from the Department Relief Fund during the year $35.00 to the library funds to each of the Homes at Dodge City and Atchison.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

For a full report of the proceedings of National Convention, attention is called to the report of the Delegate-at-Large. The Kansas Delegation present numbered fourteen, and with few exceptions attended every session of Convention. Kansas was especially honored by the National Convention by the election of our beloved sister and Past Department President Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins as National President.

The Convention was one of great interest and many knotty points were discussed and settled. Two lines from a poem,

> "Boys are only men grown tall,
> And hearts don't change much after all,"

were brought to my mind very vividly at this time, and I thought, National Conventions are only Department Conventions grown tall, and women don't change much after all. We left Washington after a week's pleasant sojourn and feel that never again will a National Convention be to us what this one was. We will not soon forget our beautiful Capital of the United States, down whose broad Pennsylvania Avenue marched thousands of soldiers keeping step to martial music as they did in May, 1865, when the remnant of the mighty host that had fought for their country's honor and flag, marched in Grand Review down this selfsame street.

Of all the historic places of interest in and around Washington the one fraught with the deepest meaning is that of Arlington Heights—once the home of Robert E. Lee, who here decided the most momentous question of his life, and cast his lot with the enemies rather than with the friends of his country; now, the last resting place of 16,000 of our brave Boys in Blue who sacrificed their lives as friends rather than enemies of their country.

Standing on those beautiful grounds we were surrounded on all sides by marble shafts and granite columns, and stretching

away as far as the eye could reach were the small white head-stones, each marking the grave of one who has gone to join his comrades in the silent "bivouac of the dead." And I realized more deeply than ever before the awful sacrifice which made it possible for us to live in a free and united country.

Near the center of the grounds is a granite sarcophagus placed over a large vault in which are deposited the remains of 2,111 unknown soldiers gathered from the battle-field.

From this monument to the Unknown Dead has arisen the beautiful custom adopted by the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps of erecting a mound in all our cemeteries and dedicating it to the Unknown Dead.

REUNIONS AND CAMP-FIRES.

The State Reunion was held at Wichita Aug. 15-20. The 17th was set apart as Woman's Relief Corps Day by the local committee of the Grand Army, which also provided a large tent on the grounds to be used as Department Headquarters. This tent was supplied with chairs, table, and register and was a welcome place of rest. In the afternoon of this day Corps No. 40 of Wichita exemplified the ritual in their large and pleasant hall. More than three hundred members attended this meeting.

In the evening an enthusiastic Woman's Relief Corps camp-fire was held in the speakers' tent on the grounds to which thousands of people listened.

The Fifth District Reunion was held in Abilene at the same time of the Fifth District Soldiers' Reunion and was both pleasant and profitable. At this time Corps No. 63 of Abilene exemplified the ritual which was followed by an enthusiastic camp-fire. We believe these reunions result in much good and strengthen our Order and assist the work in which we are engaged.

It was a pleasure and privilege to accept the invitation to accompany Commander-in-Chief Weissert, Department Commander Greene, National President Mrs. Wickins, and others on the Staff of each, on the official tour of the Commander-in-Chief in Kansas. But few places could be visited owing to the limited time which could be given by the Commander-in-Chief

to his visit in our State. The royal receptions tendered the Commander-in-Chief and party at Salina, Abilene, Manhattan, Topeka, Kansas City, and Parsons showed the interest which the people of the State manifest in the grand organization to which we are Auxiliary.

DESIGN FOR WORLD'S FAIR.

The last Department Convention voted to send a Woman's Relief Corps Design from the State to be placed in the Kansas Building at the World's Fair. This matter the Convention voted should be left with the new Council. After much hard work in securing just what was wanted, a Design was found that seemed to meet our requirements. This Design was then approved by the Council, as was also the plan of raising money for the same. Circular Letter No. 3, describing the Design was sent to each Corps President, Members of Council, and Department Aides. The Design was then placed in the hands of the artists for execution. Prof. G. M. Stone will do the painting, and Prof. Henry Worrall, the wood carving. Both of these artists reside in Topeka and are well and favorably known.

This Design will be ready to be sent to the World's Fair at the proper time. In response to the foregoing Circular Letter, the Members of Council and Department Aides, as well as Corps generally, responded liberally. To them I return my grateful appreciation of their hearty co-operation and generous assistance. To Mrs. Lewis Hanback am I indebted for kind assistance in securing the designer and artists; she has been untiring in her zeal for the proper representation of our Order at the World's Fair.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report I desire to thank the Department officers one and all for the hearty co-operation, and cordial and earnest support they have given me in the work during the year. Never could there be a more united and harmonious Council than this one, and if my successor finds the same loyalty, the same friendship, the same noble spirit, governing her Council

she will indeed be blest. Each member of the Council has cheerfully given her time and thought in furthering the interests of our Order. The fraternal ties thus cemented by this Council will not be easily broken.

Not only to the Department Officers do I wish to extend my gratitude but to the members of our Order throughout the State, and to the various Departments from whom many valuable suggestions and recommendations have been received and woven into the work and which have contributed much to the success of the work of this year.

Were I to make personal mention of the comrades of the Grand Army who have so loyally aided this Department during the year, their names would be legion. From the Department Commander to the soldier in the ranks are due my sincere thanks for the many courtesies received, and advice given, which have materially aided in promoting the work to which the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary are mutnally pledged.

With the Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, a pleasant and profitable correspondence has been carried on during the year, and we are glad to note that their Order is increasing in membership and improving in the efficiency of its work. We must not forget that upon the Sons of Veterans will eventually fall the mantle of patriotism, which prompted their fathers to offer their lives a willing sacrifice upon the altar of their country.

Let us in every way possible aid the Sons, and help advance the interest of their Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1ST. That the incoming President be furnished with a list of the decisions of the Ninth Annual Convention within 15 days after its adjournment.

2ND. That the ratio of representation to Department Convention remain the same, one for every 35 members, and one for the final fraction over the half.

3RD. That the per capita tax remain 8 cents.

4TH. That this Convention memorialize National to place

the Treasurer's bond on the "free list," and that it be sent to Department Secretary by National Treasurer in time to be sent to the Corps with the Election Return blanks.

5TH. That Department Instituting and Installing Officers keep a book, wherein shall be recorded the name, number, and date of all Corps organized during her term of office; also Corps Presidents' names, and lists of Charter members. This is an important part of Department records and helpful to the new incumbent.

6TH. That the sum of $105.50 now remaining in the Treasury from the Cyclone Fund be placed with the Relief Fund.

7TH. That only the names of voting members present at Convention appear on the roll in the printed proceedings.

8TH. That the Department Secretary send out specimen sheets of our method of book-keeping to each Corps, as many Treasurers would be glad of information on this subject, and as the work now is not uniform.

9TH. That at the next Department Convention, ribbon badges of honor be given by the Department to the members of each delegation whose reports are received at Headquarters by the sixth of the month, after close of each quarter of the year, and who have not suspended a member during the year.

10TH. That this Department place the Design for World's Fair, after the close of fair, in the rotunda of the Kansas State Capitol building.

Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

IDA WILSON MOORE,

Department President.

Report of Senior Vice President.

Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Department Secretary, and Members of the Ninth Annual Convention:

In accordance with Rules and Regulations, and in compliance with the request of the Department President, it becomes my duty to make my Annual Report to this Convention.

It was with a feeling of sincere gratification that I accepted the honor conferred upon me by the Eighth Annual Convention, that of being unanimously chosen to the office of Senior Vice, of this grand Department of Kansas.

I entered upon the work with enthusiasm, ready to do all my hands found to do, with their might. Soon after Convention, the Department President, Mrs. Moore, notified me that my special work should be that of corresponding with all Posts in the first four Congressional Districts, who had no Auxiliary Corps, and make an effort to induce them to organize such. I entered upon the work, and wrote a number of letters, but only received one reply. Whether that one bore any fruit, I have yet to learn.

Then, dear sisters, when I had planned to do and achieve so much, a shadow crept stealthily across our hearthstone and as many of you know, that shadow deepened and lengthened, until after months of suffering, our dear boy was taken from us. And, I am glad to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the dear sisters of the several Corps throughout the State, who so sweetly remembered me in this dark hour, and extended warmest sympathy.

I can say that I have endeavored to comply with all demands made upon me, I have attended promptly to all correspondence, and have tried, in so far as I was able, to conscientiously perform every duty connected with my office. My only

regret is that I have been able to do so little. But, the good work has gone on, what was out of my power to do others have done, and the needy and suffering veterans and their families have been cheered, helped and strengthened. Ours is a noble Order, and we have a beautiful mission, that of lifting up the weak and helpless. We are following in the footsteps of Him, who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

As we meet together here to plan for the coming year, let us ever remember the object of our organization, and keeping our inspiring motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, ever before us as our watchword, lay plans broad and deep for the future.

My correspondence and association with our President and sister officers during the past year has been very pleasant, and I shall ever cherish the most pleasing recollections of this year of official work in the Department.

Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

IDA C. MARTIN,
Senior Vice President.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, Feb. 14, 1893.

Report of Junior Vice President.

Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Department Secretary:

"The years have linings just as goblets do,
The old year is the lining of the new
Filled with the wine of precious memories,
The golden *was* doth line the silver *is*."

Standing today upon the threshold of this encampment occasion, with the year passing in review before me, the recesses of my mind and heart are mirrored by these lines of the poet.

The memories of the happy associations, of achievements made in our co-operative relations, together with the prospect of again assembling to hold converse upon the same, make the golden *was* that lines the now silver *is*.

Organized as we are, to perpetuate the memory of valor, self sacrifice and patriotism, unsurpassed by any soldiery that every trod this earth, we can well say that memory is the matrix in which the germ of our existence took root and sprang into life.

Inspired by the holy sentiment of the object of the Woman's Relief Corps, I eagerly sought a membership therein and have found much delight in my relation to Corps No. 149. When honored, one year ago, with an election to Junior Vice of this Department, I was sensible of the exaltation given me, and I felt in my heart a zeal and readiness to respond to every call of duty, and to perform faithfully and to the best of my ability everything the office required of me. This zeal has remained with me and the fact that the prominent feature of my report is brevity is attributable, to a large extent, to a want of demands made upon me; but as our lives are made up of little things so, you will see, is my report.

On July 29 last I entertained at my home the members of the Grand Army Post, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies' Aid

Society and Sons of Veterans of Norton. I believe in these gatherings. They strengthen the mystic bonds which unite us in a common purpose, and inspire all to nobler endeavors and higher aspirations.

On October 26th, in response to an invitation received, I inspected Corps No. 183, at Oberlin. Again on November 12th by invitation it was my privilege to inspect Corps No. 26, at Colby. At each of these cities I was most hospitably received and entertained. The sisters of these respective Corps gave evidence of an interest in and concern for the prosperity of our beloved Order which bespeaks the security of their happy future.

November 4th, 5th and 6th it was my pleasure and privilege to entertain Mrs. Mary B. Allen of Oberlin during which time she inspected Corps No. 149 at Norton. In the evening of the same day the Corps gave Mrs. Allen a reception which was participated in by the Post, Sons of Veterans, and Ladies' Aid Society. Supper was served, after which a "feast of reason and flow of soul," partaking of the nature of a "Camp Fire," was indulged in.

On the evening of December 12th I conducted an "Old Folks Concert," from which we realized $45.00 which has been used exclusively for Relief Corps work.

On December 31st our own Mrs. Wickins, now honoring the exalted position of National President of our Order, passed through Norton, unknown to anyone, on her way to Oberlin. I became informed of the fact immediately and ascertained also that she would return the following Monday. A promise was exacted of her that she would submit to the trying ordeal of a reception. All arrangements were perfected and as the hour approached for the arrival of the train, I sent the most desirable escort I could think of, my husband, to meet our honored National President.

Imagine our disappointment when instead of Mrs. Wickins, came a telegram announcing her inability to be with us.

The 5th, 6th and 7th Districts were given me in which to make an effort to institute new Corps. I have written letters to the number of over one hundred but from various causes have been unable to organize any new Corps in the Northwest. My

correspondence with Department Officers and members of sister Corps has been of a pleasant character, and for this kind treatment received at the hands of the sisters in this territory I entertain the highest appreciation.

On Feb. 8th at the request of the Department President I went to Phillipsburg to adjust a little difficulty which, through a misunderstanding, had arisen in the Corps. Under special dispensation an election of officers was held and I duly installed them. Everything done resulted to the satisfaction of all concerned and effectually allayed any feeling heretofore engendered. I was treated with the utmost respect and kindness by the ladies and shall always remember my visit pleasantly.

Learning that the Corps at Almena was struggling along under difficulties I solicited the privilege of visiting them in the hope that I might do them good. The result was a very cordial invitation to bring my Corps and attend their meeting on Feb. 11th, which would be followed by a supper and "Camp Fire" in the evening. I with 14 members of my Corps and several comrades accepted the invitation; spent a delightful evening and gave what cheer and encouragement we could.

Having received information from Headquarters at different times that the Corps at Oronoque had become so discouraged as to be on the point of surrendering their charter, I at once opened up a lively correspondence with the President and other members of the Corps, also members of the Post which finally resulted in their giving a grand social on Feb. 17th to which the W. R. C., G. A. R. and S. of V. of Norton were invited. We accepted, had a very enjoyable time, and I am glad to report that the Corps has taken on a new lease of life, and hopes soon to be numbered among the prosperous Corps of the Department.

To Department President, Mrs. Ida Moore, my heart turns with gratitude for kind recognition received. I revert with delight to the privilege of having been a co-worker with her in Department work. Her orders have been tempered with that sweetness of spirit which made them joyous to obey. Her Department work has been based upon an unerring hope, an unquenchable love, an ever ready sacrificing activity. I congratu-

late her on the auspicious closing of this administration.

To the sisters of the Eighth Annual Convention I extend my sincere thanks for the election to Junior Vice of this Department. This appreciation shall find evidence in my continued zeal for our growth as an Order. I intend that patriotism for the Woman's Relief Corps shall be an energizing faculty of my soul.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

LUCY REED JONES,

Department Junior Vice President.

Report of Department Secretary.

MRS. IDA WILSON MOORE,

President of the Department of Kansas W. R. C:

In compliance with Rules and Regulations I have the honor to herewith submit to you and the members of the Ninth Annual Convention, the following report of the condition and membership of the Order in this Department for the year just closing.

I shall confine myself exclusively to the figures and facts of my office, which are as follows:

When you assumed command there were 230 Corps reported in good standing, with six suspended Corps, three of which were reinstated and three, numbers 30, 81 and 134, remain suspended, not having reported for over two years, making a Roster of 236 Corps.

Twenty-one Corps have been instituted during the year. In accordance with the action of the Ninth National Convention, many of these newly organized Corps were given numbers in the old Roster which had been made vacant by disbanded Corps.

We now have a solid Roster of 254 Corps, with one exception, No. 138, which surrendered but a few days ago.

Corps organized during the year:

Portis Corps No. 136, Portis, eleven charter members.

Robinson Corps No. 108, Robinson, eighteen charter members,

Volunteer Corps No. 93, Coyville, sixteen charter members.

Industry Corps No. 132, Industry, twenty-two charter members.

B. H. Porter Corps No. 82, Macksville, twenty charter members.

Geuda Springs Corps No. 154, Geuda Springs, fourteen charter members.

Gaylord Corps No. 129, Gaylord, thirteen charter members.

Gardner Corps No. 107, Gardner, twenty-four charter members.

Lebanon Corps No. 248, Lebanon, twenty-one charter members.

W. C. Ward Corps No. 178, Whitewater, twenty-two charter members.

Iuka Corps No. 105, Iuka, seventeen charter members.

Jno. A. Anderson Corps No. 114, Louisville, twenty-two charter members.

Knowlton Corps No. 68, Ottumwa, twenty-eight charter members.

C. P. Taylor Corps No. 168, Conway Springs, twenty-two charter members.

Lecompton Corps No. 249, Lecompton, fourteen charter members.

Bucklin Corps No. 250, Bucklin, nineteen charter members.

Corps No. 251, Greeley.

Capt. Hudson Corps No. 252, Cimarron, twenty-five charter members.

Corps No. 253, Kiley, 17 charter members.

Corps No. 207, Morantown, 14 charter members.

Corps No. 254, Ellis, 14 charter members.

Blue W. R. C. No. 105, having been suspended for over two years, was re-instated during fourth quarter, 1892. As their number had been appropriated, they were assigned No. 5 and will be known in the future as Blue Corps No. 5, North Topeka, Kansas.

While it is a great pleasure to me to report the success and prosperity of the Department, yet I regret exceedingly that I am obliged to report the following Corps that were compelled from seemingly good reasons to disband:

Corps No. 114, Arlington, nineteen members.

Corps No. 68, New Albany, no membership; suspended 2nd quarter, 1889.

Corps No. 207, Meade Center, twelve members.

Corps No. 5, Armourdale, ten members.

Corps No. 138, White City, sixteen members.

A number of Transfer cards have been issued to members of disbanded Corps, which have been or will be placed in other Corps.

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing, Dec. 31st, 1891,		6503
Gained by initiation	1582	
Gained by transfer	126	
Gained by re-instatement	411	
Gained by delinquent reports	1658	
Total gain		3777
Aggregate		10280
Loss by death	52	
Loss by honorable discharge	169	
Loss by transfer	229	
Loss by suspension	1963	
Total loss		3446
Members in good standing Dec. 31, '92,		6834

Through the kindness and courtesy of our National President, we are permitted to report number re-instated by supplemental report to Feb. 14, 1893 423

Gained by Corps organized since Jan. 1st..	116
No. 138 White City surrendered Feb. 16, '93	16
Number remaining in good standing Feb. 16, '93	7357
Net gain in membership	854

Besides Nos. 30, 81 and 134 mentioned before, the following Corps remain suspended:

No. 202, Mound Valley, suspended 2nd quarter, 1892.
No. 54, Oronoque, suspended 3rd quarter, 1892.
No. 214, St. Francis, suspended 3rd quarter, 1892.
No. 232, Ulysses, suspended 3rd quarter, 1892.
No. 170, Atlanta, suspended 4th quarter, 1892.
Number members remaining suspended, fifty-six.

RELIEF EXPENDED.

Cash expended in relief	$3835 70
Other than money	2601 52
Amount turned over to Posts	1478 50
Expended from Department Relief fund	175 00
Total	8090 72
No. of members and families assisted	628
No. of soldiers assisted	1037
Total	1665

Besides this vast amount of relief expended, the Corps in response to a special call from the Department President contributed liberally to the cyclone fund of which the Department Treasurer will give a detailed account.

In response to General Orders No. 10, the following contributions have been reported to me as sent to the Soldiers' Home at Dodge City:

Glasco Corps, No. 87, one quilt.

Wamego Corps, No. 77, box of fruit.

Silver Lake Corps, No. 106, box of goods.

Burlington Corps, No. 73, box valued at $8.

Marvin Corps, No. 210, box of goods.

Wilder Corps, No 194, toys and useful articles.

Goodland Corps, No. 161, box of Christmas articles.

Marion Corps, No. 103, box of Christmas articles.

Topeka Corps, No. 94, box of Christmas articles.

Burr Oak Corps, No. 174, box of Christmas articles.

Oberlin Corps, No. 183, seventeen glasses jelly, four quarts fruit, one quart syrup and a quantity of books, magazines and newspapers.

Corps No. 60, Burden, eight rag rugs (carpet).

Corps No. 32, Galena, one box books and magazines.

Corps No. 67, Washington, box books and magazines.

Ida Wilson Moore, Department President, $35 for library.

Corps No. 197, Beverly, one bed quilt.

Corps No. 219, Marquette, one box clothing for children.

Corps No. 60, Burden, books, magazines and papers.

Corps No. 43, Manhattan, books, magazines, papers and English and German testaments.

Corps No. 138, White City, quilt.

Corps No. 139, Cherokee, box of magazines and papers.

Corps No. 4, Paola, box of fruit to Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth.

The Soldiers' Orphan's Home was remembered by Corps No. 149, Norton, by a box of aprons, dresses, toys and candy; also by Corps No. 125, Solomon City, with cash amounting to $2.00.

The following Corps report the largest cash expenditures for relief:

Corps No. 156, Harper, $180.00.
Corps No. 201, Towanda, $140.00.
Corps No. 70, Emporia, $151.72.
Corps No. 111, Hutchinson, $106.43.
Corps No. 77, Wamego, $72.55.
Corps No. 160, Cedarvale, $68.05.

Corps reporting largest net gain in membership during year:

Joe Hooker Corps No. 111, Hutchinson, 36 members.
General Russell Corps, No. 98, Pittsburg, 27 members.
P. B. Plumb Corps No. 70. Emporia, 23 members.
E C. Johnson Corps No. 148, Atchison, 20 members.
B. F. Larned Corps No. 61, Larned, 18 members.

During the year there have been issued to Corps Presidents, Department Officers, Past Department Presidents, National W. R. C. Headquarters, Department G. A. R. Headquarters and Department Presidents of other States, 10 Department General Orders, 2 Special Orders, 3 Circular Letters to Corps. To all Corps Presidents and Department Officers we have sent in addition, 6 National General Orders, 1 National Special Order, Circular Letters from Ladies' Executive Committee of Washington, D. C., Circular of Information from Department G. A. R. regarding National Convention, Circular Letters from Corporal Tanner and Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, 600 copies of the proceedings of Eighth Annual Convention and 275 Department Rosters, Circular Letter of "Instruction for Organization of

Corps" to Posts; also, 3 National Passwords and 1 Department Password have been promulgated.

Besides this vast amount of printed matter the following blanks have been issued:

Quarterly report blanks	4000
Election return blanks	250
Installing officers' blanks	250
Credential Certificates	800
Postal receipts	975

The following Corps have been furnished with duplicate Charters: No. 36, Howard City and No. 156, Harper. The former was destroyed by fire; the latter by cyclone.

Notwithstanding the many letters, etc. of explanation by my predecessors and attention of Corps Presidents called through General Orders, both National and Department, I cannot refrain from calling the attention of Corps Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of this Department to their duty in seeing that their Quarterly Reports are correct and sent to Headquarters at the proper time. I scarcely think I would be fulfilling my duty to this Department if I should not by my most earnest efforts attempt to benefit this part of the work. One thousand nine hundred and sixty-three members reported suspended in our reports to National is due to a great extent to the neglect of duty of those officers, who promised to do their duty by their respective Corps. Incorrect reports necessarily increase greatly the correspondence—a correspondence costing both time and money, and in order to avoid this it is the duty of the Corps Presidents to carefully examine and compare the reports before signing them and let nothing, except it be of the most serious nature, prevent reports from being mailed immediately after the last meeting of the quarter, thereby relieving much anxiety and correspondence to both Corps and Department officers, at least to the Department Secretary. I wish to express my sincere thanks to those who were prompt and careful with this part of their work and can assure them their promptness was fully appreciated.

In addition to keeping a record of all charter members of the newly organized Corps, I have recorded the charter mem-

bers of a number of the old Corps, and would recommend that this be continued, but that a suitable book be procured for that purpose, as valuable space in the Charter Roster is being taken that should be used for other purposes.

I would also recommend that the Department Secretary in sending quarterly blanks to Corps shall indicate in red ink on line 15, "number remaining suspended last report," which shall not be changed; the same to be a copy of column 16 on consolidated report of previous quarter.

And now, Mrs. President, in surrendering the appointment with which you have honored me, I desire to thank you for courtesies received at your hands. I have endeavored at all times to perform all duties assigned me to the best of my ability and for the promotion and welfare of this Department. Our official relations, Mrs. President, which have ever been pleasant will soon be severed. I am deeply indebted to you for counsel and co-operation, which has always been an inspiration to me.

I wish also to thank the members generally for the helpful, cheering words that have come to me during the year from the various Corps.

I have looked forward to this time with pleasure and anticipation of making personal acquaintances with those with whom I had correspondence, and trust that the friendships formed may be as lasting as our beloved motto, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary:

MADAM:—In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement from March 1, 1892, to February 20, 1893.

Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

RECEIPTS.

GENERAL FUND.

Balance to new account, March 1, 1892	$ 000 00	
Received from sale of supplies and postage	1434 26	
Received from per capita tax	2293 36	
" " charter fees	105 00	
" " Andersonville fund	3 50	
" " W. R. C. Home fund	1 00	
" " Profit on sunflower badges sold at National Convention	22 75	
Total		$3859 82

EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL FUND.

To National Treasurer for supplies	$1047 79
" " " per capita tax	577 60
" " " Andersonville fund	3 50
" " " W. R. C. Home fund	1 00
" Ida W. Moore, Department President, for office expenses	118 97

Paid to	Ida W. Moore, National Convention expenses.....	50 00	
"	Alice M. Seeds, Department Secretary, for salary....	275 00	
"	Alice M. Seeds, office expense.....	98 12	
"	" " postage on minutes	20 00	
"	Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, salary.....	275 00	
"	Frances H. Lund, office expense....	98 96	
"	Executive board at Herington.....	21 30	
"	Auditing expense at Abilene.....	21 82	
"	" " McPherson...	16 74	
"	Reflector Publishing Company, Abilene, printing minutes.....	171 10	
"	Reflector Publishing Company, printing and stationery.....	153 75	
"	Hyde & Humble, Wichita, supplies during last administration....	1 55	
"	Julia A. Chase, council expense at Atchison, not paid last year...	2 04	
"	Belle Reid, council expense.... ...	1 25	
"	Fannie S. Potts, office expense.....	1 47	
"	Belle C. Harris, " "	8 30	
"	Laura E. Myers, " "	2 25	
"	Margaret R. Wickins, office expense	10 75	
"	" " second trip to Atchison last year.....	3 00	
"	Commander Greene, W. R. C. Headquarters at Detroit.....	50 00	
"	Allie Myers, copying minutes.....	10 00	
"	" " office expense.....	5 41	
"	Edith M. Wood, office expense....	5 61	
"	Balance of Convention expense at Atchison.....	61 57	
"	Relief fund (one-fourth cent per member, as ordered by Eighth Annual Convention).....	72 20	
	Total....		$3186 05

Total receipts	$3859 82	
Total expenses	3186 05	
Balance on hand, general fund	$ 673 77	

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to new account, March 1, 1892.	$322 85	
Received from General Fund (one-fourth cent per member)	72 20	
Total		$395 05

EXPENDITURES.

To Dodge City Soldiers' Home	$35 00	
" Atchison Orphans' Home	35 00	
" Towanda cyclone sufferers	35 00	
" Wellington cyclone sufferers	35 00	
" Harper cyclone sufferers	35 00	
Total		$175 00
Balance to new account		$220 05

CYCLONE FUND.

Total amount received from Corps, in response to call of Ida W. Moore, Department President, for the benefit of the cyclone sufferers of Towanda, Wellington and Harper		$576 00
Paid to President of Towanda Corps No. 201	$182 00	
" President of Wellington Corps No. 208	104 50	
" President of Harper Corps No, 156	184 00	
Total		$470 50
Balance on hand		$105 50

WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT FUND.

Total amount received, in response to call of Department President	$126 80	
Paid to Mrs J. C. Potter, Wichita, Kansas, for World's Fair Design.....	10 00	
		$116 80

RECAPITULATION.

ASSETS.

Cash balance in General Fund.....	$683 88	
" " " Relief Fund....	220 05	
" " " Cyclone Fund.....	105 50	
" " " World's Fair Fund....	116 80	
Total cash on hand....		$1126 23
Due from Corps.....	10 60	
Supplies on hand.....	177 51	
Total assets of all kinds.....		$1314 34

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities..... .....NONE

Let us now take a retrospective view of the work during the past year, There was reported, at last convention, an indebtedness of $184.22.

In addition to this, there was a deficiency in general fund of $63.61, to meet the Atchison Convention expenses; also a bill of $1.55 from Hyde & Humble, of Wichita, for supplies during last administration, making a total indebtedness of $249.38 at the beginning of this department year, all of which has been paid; also current expenses, and I consider the Treasury in a condition to meet the expenses of this Convention and have something to turn over to my successor.

My heart will ever be full of gratitude and love for the dear sisters, who by their kindness and sympathy, gave me this

second term, that has been to me like the glimpse of the "oasis" in the sandy desert to the thirsty traveler, where the sweet rest and cooling waters have blotted out the weariness and anxiety of the long, weary journey.

To all my co-workers everywhere, let me thank you for words of cheer and deeds of kindness which have been a well-spring of joy during the year.

The relation between the Department President, Department Secretary and myself will soon be severed, yet I trust the friendship formed, through many consultations for the best interest of this Department, has been cemented by bonds never to be broken. My heartfelt thanks are hereby tendered them for the unvarying confidence and valuable counsel given me in the performance of the various duties of my office.

In conclusion, sisters, let us never forget the object for which we are banded together: that of rendering assistance to the brave defenders of "Our Country's Flag."

"O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

FRANCES H. LUND,
Department Treasurer.

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

ASSETS.

Balance on hand Feb. 20, '93	$ 673 77
Received for supplies during Convention	15 65
Total.....	$ 689 42

EXPENDITURES.

To Convention expenses as per bills..... ...$ 213 93	

Paid to Fannie H. Curry, office expense.....	1 32	
" Belle C. Harris, " "	2 00	
" E. B. Alrich, services as assistant Secretary..	10 00	
" Alice M. Seeds, salary and office expense for February	31 00	
" F. H. Lund, salary and office expense for February...	31 84	
" Ida W. Moore, office expense for February.....	9 25	
" Edith M. Wood, office expense.....	3 45	
" Allie Myers, floral tribute to Col. Leland J. Webb, ordered by Ninth Annual Convention.....	10 00	
" Allie Myers, telegram and express.....	3 25	
" Reflector Publishing Company, printing and stationery.....	17 00	
Total.....		$ 333 04
Balance to new account.....		$ 356 38

RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 20, '93	$ 220 05
Received from Cyclone Fund as per order Ninth Annual Convention....	105 50
Balance to new account....	$ 325 55

WORLD'S FAIR FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 20, '93	$ 118 80
Received during Convention	50 75
Balance to new account...	$ 169 55

RECAPITULATION.

Cash balance General Fund	$ 356 38
" " Relief "	325 55
" " World's Fair "	169 55
Total cash in all Funds....	$ 851 48

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

FRANCES H. LUND,

Department Treasurer.

Report of Chaplain.

Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas:

I herewith present my report as Department Chaplain, Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas for the year ending Feb. 21, 1893. A compilation of the reports from Corps Chaplains give the following items of interest to this Convention:

No. of Corps reporting	142
" " Corps in the Department Feb. 24, 1892	236
" " Corps not reporting . . .	94
" " Members of Corps reporting .	4,513
" " Members taking part in Memorial services	3,453
" " Soldiers' graves decorated . .	1,507
" " Members' graves decorated . .	23
" " Children taking part . . .	6,141
Total expense for Memorial service . .	$524 83

The following is a list of our sisters who have finished life's work and now rest from their labors:

Mrs. Julia Adams, Corps No. 94, Feb. 24, 1892.
" Carrie McCauley, Corps No. 121, March, 8 1892.
" Hattie Steel, Corps No. 197, Feb. 1892. Past President.
Sarah E. Boyd, Corps No. 133, March, 1892.
Mrs. Helen H. Hoskinson, Corps No. 240, Aug. 10, 1892.
" Alice Claypool, Corps No. 219, Aug. 14, 1892.
" Margaret Cherry, Corps No. 248, Sept. 9, 1892.
" Jennie Poff, Corps No. 161, Sept. 13, 1892, Past President.
" Victoria Wheeler, Corps No. 99, Sept. 27, 1892.

Mrs. Mary Russell, Corps No. 224, Oct. 14, 1892. Killed on railroad.
" H. A. Sleeper, Corps No. 61, Nov. 6, 1892.
Sarah J. Baily, Corps No. 2, Dec. 27, 1892.
Mrs. Emma Craig, Corps No. 49, Dec. 1892.
" Thurston Chase, Corps No. 42, no date.
" Phoebe C. York, Corps No. 77, no date.
Mary H. Sterling, Corps No. 184, no date. Past President.
Hannah P. Cook, Corps No. 184, no date. Past President.
Martha Columbia, Corps No. 184, no date.
Mrs. Abigail E. Niles, Corps No. 89, no date.
" Jane Pearson, Corps No. 20, Feb. 2, 1893.
" Laura Rice Grow, Corps No. 96, Sept. 2, 1892. Past President.
" Mrs. Belle Sargent, Corps No. 64, Oct. 14, 1892.
" Martha Darrow, Corps No. 56, Nov., 1892.
" Martha Hargis, Corps No. 67.
" Lillis E. Root, Corps No. 67.
" Catherine E. Thompson, Corps No. 6, Oct., 1892.
Grandma Boudinot, Corps No. 63, Abilene.

Mrs. Mary A. Sturges, an army nurse, died at Kansas City, Kansas, December 29, 1892, at the advanced age of 84 years. She was born in Montreal, Canada, her parents moving to New York City in her infancy. There she grew to womanhood, later in life removing to Peoria, Ill. During the Rebellion she served her country in the Army of the Tennessee. Commissioned by Mary A. Livermore, Nov. 11th, 1861, she entered the Adams Block Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., where with loving heart and willing hands she administered to the wants of the sick, wounded, or dying soldier until the war closed. She was buried under the auspices of Burnside Corps No. 1, W. R. C., of which she had long been an honored member.

This report shows the death of five past presidents and one conductor.

One sister, the secretary of Corps No. 201, Towanda, was killed in the cyclone last April. I received no official notice of

it but include it in this report, with the statement that the chaplain was also injured in the same storm. Owing to the destruction of public buildings their Memorial Services were held in a newly constructed blacksmith shop.

Corps No. 75, at Severance, presented the Sons of Veterans with a beautiful flag on Memorial Day, costing $26.40. This Corps owns a lot in the cemetery which they have beautified by setting out in shrubbery and evergreens.

Corps No. 175, at Atwood, presented Atwood Post with a handsome flag on Memorial Day. The gift was highly appreciated and will be kept with care.

The Corps at Abilene, No. 63, furnished a fine report of Memorial services. Rev. Dr. Blayney preached a fine sermon on the Sabbath to a full house. A fine programme was prepared. A large procession marched to the cemetery, where 35 soldiers' graves were decorated. Thirteen graves of soldiers' wives and seven graves of members, were also covered with beautiful flowers during the sad but impressive services.

Corps No. 84, at Cherryvale, had Gov. Humphrey for orator of the day at the Memorial Services.

Corps No. 149, at Norton, had the inspiring presence of Mother Bickerdyke who talked to her children as only Mother Bickerdyke can, both afternoon and evening on Memorial Day.

Col. J. H. Gillpatrick, of Leavenworth, was the orator of the day at Troy, No. 190. Corps No. 70, at Emporia, reported a large Memorial service at Whitley Opera House, in connection with Preston B. Plumb Post, No. 55, in memory of Comrade Col. Preston B. Plumb. Commander Green, of the Department of Kansas, and Judge B. F. Simpson, of Topeka, pronounced honorable eulogies upon the life of our honored comrade.

Mrs. Mary Clapp, Corps Chaplain Corps No. 176, at Yates Centre, included in her report a disapproval of public dinners on Memorial Day. The reason seems timely and it may be well for this Convention to take action so that the day shall not be perverted, and lowered to a day of levity, or be made a simple picnic gathering of money-making schemes. The only object is the Memorial Service and the teaching the spirit of patriotism and love of country, and a reverence for our brave soldiers

who gave all to save our country in the day of peril. We owe it to them and their heroic deeds to perpetuate their memories all along down the coming years.

Nearly all the Corps Chaplains made special mention of decorating a grave representing the "Unknown Dead." In many places it was a prominent feature of the Memorial services. Both mounds and temporary monuments were used and completely covered with flowers. This part of our Memorial services should not be forgotten but encouraged. The constant rains prevented in some places any services at the cemeteries, at others only the committees could go out and decorate the graves.

I would call attention to the Memorial blanks. There seem to be two kinds in use, and while this is the case our reports will necessarily be imperfect. All the blanks should contain these two items among the others, namely, How many soldiers' graves decorated? How many members' graves decorated? All our blanks should be uniform and the reports made promptly.

By this report it will be seen nearly 100 Corps made no report whatever of their Memorial services. As long as this is true our Department will not make a creditable showing in the larger or National reports.

The reports showed a good interest throughout the Department among the people in attending the Memorial services. At many points business houses were closed during the services, showing they honored the day and the memory of our fallen heroes.

The roll of our departed sisters here presented reminds us that the wheels of time will soon bring us to the border-land "Where Lucy is," as our beloved General Hayes said a few moments before he passed the stream of time to join the wife of his young manhood beyond the storms of earth. In his death our Order, as well as the nation, sustains a great loss and suffering humanity a sympathizing friend. General Hayes' voice will no longer be heard in the defence of all loyal and charitable work, but his good deeds will follow him. And what we do for our loyal "boys in blue" we must do soon. For our

hands too will soon be folded in death, and life's work ended. Our noble Order enjoys the high distinction of standing by the side of our nation's heroes, as they did in 1861-5, by prayers and the work of the Christian Commission. By being at the front they won our highest esteem, fighting for our homes and our flag and we assure them they shall not be forgotten.

Our work is to make them comfortable and happy as they march on in the last campaign of life, and when they fall from the ranks to wrap the old stars and stripes around them, and with loving, loyal hands, lay them to rest until the reveille from beyond the river awakens them, not to battle, but to peace and victory. And may not He who takes notice of our good deeds and charity, say "well done."

In closing my report I desire to express my thanks to the Department officers and members for their help and uniform kindness to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARY C. HOLLAND,

Department Chaplain.

Report of Counselor.

ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary and Members of Ninth Annual Convention:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Counselor for the year just ended.

In accepting the office, Mrs. President, I felt that it might sometimes be my privilege to advise in the work which I had directed during a previous year, but your executive ability and general knowledge of the work of the Order has made my labors in that direction very light indeed.

In several cases of perplexity you turned to me as a friend for advice, and I can truly say that it has been given willingly and promptly, with an earnest desire to assist you in every way possible.

Numerous letters from officers and members came to me asking that I might give them light upon matters pertaining to their work in Corps. Permit me to again repeat the old story, "The duty of Counselor is to confer with the Department President *only* and *not* with officers and members of Corps." Much of the misunderstanding which arises among Corps members is caused by neglect to become familiar with the laws of our Order. I therefore most earnestly recommend a careful study of the Rules and Regulations and the Red Book, which is such a help to us all. Many difficulties could thus be amicably settled, without referring to higher authority. I wish to thank you, Mrs. President, for the many courtesies extended to me; also to the entire membership for the kindly expressions of good will which always greet me wherever I go.

The following are the decisions given during the year:

Question. Can money to be sent to the Orphans' Home in Atchison be taken from the Department or the Corps Relief fund?

Answer. Yes, by vote of Corps or by vote of Council, as the money thus appropriated is for the benefit of soldiers' orphans. This question is fully answered in the Red Book.

Q. Can money be taken from the general fund to assist a person who is in no way connected with a soldier, sailor or marine?

A. No. We are organized to assist only the Union Veteran and his dependent ones.

Q. Would it be right to grant a special dispensation for a period of thirty days to reinstate members for fifty cents each?

A. No. Members can be reinstated only through the proper channel. See R. and R., Chap. 5, Art. 4, Sec. 2.

Q. Has a Corps the right to adopt an opening ode other than the one approved by the Woman's Relief Corps?

A. No.

Q. Can a Corps in arrears for dues for two years, and then becoming reinstated, be entitled to a delegate and alternate?

A. Yes. The fact of its paying all arrears, places it where it once was, in good standing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BELLE C. HARRIS,

Counselor.

Report of Inspector.

MRS. ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary:

It is with honor that I submit my report to you and through you to the Department President and Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps as Inspector for the year 1892:

No. of Corps sending in reports	217
No. of Corps meetings	4,712
No. of members in good standing	6,906
Average attendance of officers per Corps	6
Average attendance of members, including officers	14
Rituals are complete in	212
Reports and dues have been forwarded to Headquarters by	214
Number of Corps charging $3.00 initiation fee	1
Number of Corps charging $1.50 initiation fee	2
Number of Corps charging $1.25 initiation fee	1
Number of Corps charging $1.10 initiation fee	5
Number of Corps charging $1.00 initiation fee	208
Number of Corps charging $3.00 dues per annum	1
Number of Corps charging $2.40 dues per annum	1
Number of Corps charging $1.40 dues per annum	1
Number of Corps charging $1.20 dues per annum	1
Number of Corps charging $1.00 dues per annum	172
Number of Corps charging .80 dues per annum	7
Number of Corps charging .60 dues per annum	23
Number of Corps charging .50 dues per annum	3
Number of Corps charging .40 dues per annum	4
Number of Corps charging .32 dues per annum	2
Number of Corps not charging any dues	2
Amount of money in the Relief Fund	$2873 83

Number of Corps reporting no Relief Fund.....	16
Amount of relief extended	$3963 13
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	$2733 16
Number of Corps reporting books audited quarterly...	162
Number of Corps reporting books audited annually....	4
Number of Corps not reporting on that question.... .	51
Number of Corps sending quarterly relief reports to Posts.....	150
Number of Corps not sending at all or annually	65
Number of Corps that report "*No Post*".....	2
Amount of money handed over to Posts.....	$1588 06
The Ritual is memorized by.....	23
The work of the Ritual is properly performed by all but	13
The work of the Secretary and Treasurer is properly done in all but	8
The number of Rituals is complete in all Corps but...	5

The following Corps have the largest Relief Fund: No. 63, Abilene, $160; No. 201, Towanda, $116.12; No. 111, Hutchinson $100; No. 70, Emporia, $90.15.

As late as December 10th I had received reports from only 184 Corps. After that time I sent notices to all delinquents and received in reply reports from 33 more Corps.

I would urge upon the Corps the necessity of having their reports in by the first day of December.

I find the present mode of Inspection *very* unsatisfactory in a majority of Corps and would suggest that the new administration devise some other method by which they may be more uniformly inspected.

In surrendering the appointment with which I have been honored. I wish to return my sincere thanks to the Department President for the honor conferred on myself as well as on Corps No. 98 for the appointment, and for all who have assisted me in this noble work I shall always entertain a kind regard. I shall still work for the advancement of our noble Order and hope to see the time when much more will be accomplished for the "Good of the Order."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EDITH M. WOOD,

Department Inspector.

Report of Instituting and Installing Officer.

MRS. ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary:

As it is required of this office to make a report of Corps Instituted and Installed, I herewith submit to you the following report, as also to the officers and members of the Ninth Convention. During the year there have been twenty-one Corps Instituted as follows:

Portis Corps, No. 136, March 21, at Portis, 14 members.
B. H. Porter, No. 82, at Macksville, May 7, 20 members.
Robinson, No. 108, at Robinson, April 2, 18 members.
Industry, No. 130, at Industry, May 7, 22 members.
Gueda Springs, No. 154, at Gueda Springs, May 14, 14 members.
Gaylord, No. 129, at Gaylord, May 17, 13 members.
Lebanon, No. 248, at Lebanon, May 21, 20 members.
Volunteer, No. 93, at Coyville, June 2, 15 members.
O. B. Gardner, No. 107, at Gardner, June 3, 24 members.
W. C. Ward, No. 178, at Whitewater, June 14, 22 members.
Mark D. Updergraff, No. 105, at Iuka, June 25,16 members.
C. P. Taylor, No. 168, at Conway Springs, 18 members.
John A. Anderson, No. 114, at Louisville, Sept. 6, 23 members.
Knowlton, No. 68, at Ottumwa, Sept. 10, 25 members.
Lecompton, No. 249, at Lecompton, Jan. 7, 1893, 13 members.
Bucklin, No. 25, at Bucklin, Jan. 14, 19 members.
Greeley, No. 251, at Greeley, Jan. 27, 14 members.
Saunders, No. 207, at Morantown, Feb. 7, 14 members.
J. P. Austin, No. 253, at Riley, Feb. 11, 16 members.

Capt. Hudson, No. 252, at Cimarron, Feb. 11, 25 members.

Geo. Ellis, No. 254, at Ellis, Feb. 16, 14 members.

The following Corps reported Installations and elections of officers:

Burnside Corps No. 1. Earlton, 2. Franklin, 3. McCaslin, 4. Blue, 5. Junction City, 6. El Dorado, 7. Cawker City, 8. Washington, 9. Phil Sheridan, 10. Wm. H. Lytle, 11. E. E. Ellsworth, 12. Brookville, 13. Liberty, 14. Will Wendall, 15. Jewell, 17. Chicamauga, 18. W. H. Earl, 19. Kenesaw, 20. L. E. King, 21. Sumner, 22. Madison, 23. Louisburg, 24. Chas. E. Rovohl, 26. Miltonvale, 27. Gen. Curtis,28. Stockton, 29. John A. Dix, 31. F. P. Blair, 32. Canby, 33. Hill, 34. Culver, 35. E. M. Stanton, 36. E. P. Sheldon, 37. Gen. Bull, 38. L. P. Wilkes, 39. Garfield, 40. Gen. Strong, 41. Hiawatha, 42. Lew Gore, 43. Sabetha, 44. Milligan, 45. Parson Browntown, 46. Collyer, 47. Sedgwick, 48. Wilderness, 49. Ft. Pillow 50. Jno. A. Logan, 51. Beloit, 52. Phil Harvey, 53. Neodesha, 55. Arkansas City, 56. Rush Center, 57. Toppling, 58. Rob't. Anderson, 59. B. F. Larned, 61. Thomas Doane, 62, Abilene, 63. Rufus Gilpatrick, 64. Douglass, 65. Sylvia, 66. Kearney, 67. Knowlton, 68. Jno. A. Martin, 69. Preston B. Plumb, 70. Judson Kilpatrick, 71. Wadsworth, 72. Allison, 73. W. T. Sherman, 74. Severance, 75. Parsons, 76. O P. Morton, 77. J. J. Jones, 78. Cornforth, 79. Sergt. McCoy, 80. B. H. Porter, 82. Oneida, 83. Hackelman, 84. Fremont, 85. Ionia, 86. Glasco, 87. Stevenson. 89. Neosha, 90. Sherman, 91. Cirgonia, 92. Volunteer, 93. Topeka, 94. Hartford, 95. Henderson, 96. Appomatox 97. Gen. Russell 98. Peabody, 99. Vance, 100. E. D. Baker, 102. Pollock, 103. W. H. Grimes, 104. M. D. Updergraff, 105. Silver Lake, 106. O. B. Gardner, 107. Robinson, 108. Motor, 109. James B. McPherson, 110. Joe Hooker, 111. Jno. Brown, 112. Geo. Dietztless, 113. Jno. A. Anderson, 114. C. E. Warriner, 115. McPherson, 117. Meacham, 118. Gen. Hazen, 119. Scoutsville, 121. Charlie Aldrich, 123. Bunker Hill, 124. Solomon City, 125. Prairie Grove, 127. Greenleaf, 128. Gaylord, 129. Jim Lane, 130. Upton, 131. Dick Yates, 133. Courtland, 135. Portis, 136. S. A. Gilbert, 137. Shiloh, 139. Capt. Trego, 140. Belle Plaine, 141. Grubb,

143. Hancock, 144. McCookets, 145. Lydon, 146. Rawlins, 147. E. C. Johnson, 148. Capt. Jarvis, 149. Melvin, 150. Wilson, 151. Elk City, 152. Equity, 153. Geuda Springs, 154. Atlanta, 155. Harper, 156. Farragut, 157. Americus, 158. Cedar Vale, 160. W. S. Robinson, 161. Almena, 162. S. S. Perry, 163. Nathan Price, 165. Webster, 166. Chas. A. Nichols, 167. C. F. Taylor, 168. Griffith, 169. Coffeyville, 171. Robt. Hale, 172. Gardner, 173. H. H. Free, 174. Atwood, 175. Robt. Kingscott, 177. W. C. Ward, 178. Lewis, 179. J. L. Miller, 180. W. H. Gibson, 181. Barnes, 182. T. E. G. Ransom, 183. E. O. Cord, 185. Lucas, 186. Stone River, 189. Kennedy, 190. Hoxie, 193. Jno. Anderson, 194. Perth, 195. Osage, 196. Lewis Christie, 197. Buffalo, 198. C. F. Smith, 199. Custer, 200. Saml. Pike, 201. Dunlap, 203. H. W. Beck, 204. Chester A. Arthur, 205. Lyon 206. James Sheilds, 208. Mulvane, 209. Marvin, 210. Santa Fe, 211. Kingman, 212. Marshall, 213. Dighton, 215. A. H. Terry, 216. Long Island, 218. Marquette, 219. Capt. Goodwin, 220. Phillipsburg, 221. Haven, 222. Bacon, 227. G. J. Stannard, 228. Agra, 229. J. C. Fremont, 230. Glen Elder, 231. Hamilton, 233. McDonald, 234. Washburn, 235. Hope, 236. Mead, 237. Geo. Graham, 238. W. R. Anderson, 239. La Crosse, 241. Toronto, 242. Syracuse, 243. Gen. Crook, 244. J. J. Baldwin, 245 Tim McCarthy, 246. Joe Butterfield, 247. Lebanon, 248. Chautauqua, Chetopa, Kirwin, Yates Center. The last four failed to send numbers.

Total number of Corps reported at this office 213; of joint installations, 56; public installations, 31; private installations, 13. A number of Corps reported public and joint installations and a general good time. Fifty-two Corps reported instituted by Post Commanders. I have no recommendations to make but would suggest that the assistant Instituting and Installing officers be more careful where they send their reports. Some were sent to Department Headquarters at Abilene, others to Pittsburg. Total 22 had to be forwarded to this office.

I thank the Department President for the confidence reposed in me and the honor conferred on Corps 72; and in surrendering the appointment I shall ever endeavor to do all in

my power to assist in building up the noble cause for which we are banded together. While this has been a year of great prosperity to our organization in our Department, I trust that the next year will be one of still greater success.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

FANNIE STUART POTTS,

Instituting and Installing Officer.

Report of Chief of Aides.

MRS. ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary.

In compliance with the request of Department President Ida W. Moore, in General Orders, No. 10, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The duty of Department Aide is not defined in the Rules and Regulations, and Aides from different parts of the State write they have had no duty to perform.

The last Saturday in July, at the suggestion of Department President, I went with seven other ladies of Corps 43, to visit a sister Corps in our own county with the hope of encouraging them. It was a long drive of fifty miles, but I think did very little good.

On the 6th of September, I had the pleasure of visiting the Fifth District Reunion held at Abilene. I attended the W. R. C. Campfire, presided over by Department President Moore (who was also District President). Very interesting papers were read by ladies from different Corps in the District. An instructive talk from our beloved National President, who did us the honor of attending our Reunion, was much appreciated. At the business meeting I had the honor of being elected Vice President of the Association, which meets in Salina in 1893.

On the 9th of February I sent $4.00, with a donation of $2.00 from our Corps, to Department Treasurer Mrs. Lund to add to World's Fair Fund. February 11th, I instituted J. P. Austin Corps, No. 253, at Riley, and installed the officers at a public installation the same evening, the Post installing at the same time.

Mrs Ida Graves, of Beloit, reports as follows: The first work of the year was instituting Corps at Portis. In September visited reunion at Abilene. While there attended the exemplification of the Ritual by Corps No. 63,

which was a benefit to all present. In November inspected Corps at Delphos. In answer to circular letter sent $5 to Department Treasurer for World's Fair Fund.

Mrs. Julia A. Chase, Special Aide, reports having the honor of instituting Robinson Corps, No 108, at Robinson and later having inspected the same. Attended National Convention as delegate, assisted in decorating Department Headquarters and made sunflowers for sale.

Mrs. Mary M. Naill, of Abilene, reports having assisted Department President Mrs. Moore in instituting Corps at Industry and soliciting aid for sufferers of Wellington and Harper cyclones.

Alice M. Lieb, Special Aide, of Oberlin, reports trying to harmonize a discordant Corps, and also of entertaining Department Junior Vice President, Mrs. Lucy Jones.

Mrs. Lena Bradshaw, of Hope, sends $2 to World's Fair Fund.

Mrs. Emma McPherson, of Blue Rapids, has written several letters to surrounding Corps to help raise funds for World's Fair Fund.

Mrs. Maryett Matteson, of Abilene, solicited for the Wellington cyclone sufferers, money, $37; groceries and dry goods, $10; total, $47.

Mrs. Mary S. Matthews, of Cawker City, has written letters to Corps in this District urging them to send donations to World's Fair Fund, as it will be for the honor of our Department to be well represented.

Grateful for the compliment paid me and my associate aides by our appointments I desire to convey to you, Mrs. President, our sincere thanks. We congratulate you in these the closing hours of the year for which you were elected to fill this high position, upon the success of your administration.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ELLEN M. KIMBALL,

Chief of Staff.

Report of Delegate-at-Large.

MRS. ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary:

In accordance with established custom I herewith submit my report as Delegate-at-Large to the Tenth National Convention.

As a complete report of the proceedings of this Convention will soon be in the hands of the Corps of this Department and the recommendations and decisions of the Convention have already been promulgated in General Orders, I shall be brief.

I accompanied the Department President and staff on the trip to Washington; nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the journey, except the delayed trains which are usual on such occasions. From this cause we did not reach Washington until the morning of the 20th, the day of the greatest parade ever participated in by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization.

Wednesday at 10:30 the Convention assembled at the Sixteenth Street Baptist church and was called to order by the National President and opened in form. The National Chaplain being absent, the Chaplain of John A. Logan Corps, of the Department of the Potomac, officiated.

All the Past National Presidents who were present were then presented to the Convention and made their best bows.

The Chairman of the Citizens' Committee was then announced as desiring admission and by vote of the Convention was admitted. He made us a nice speech and tendered to the Convention the greetings and hospitality of the city.

The President's address was a clear business statement of the condition of the Order and contained many good suggestions, showing an increase of 13,218 in the membership during the year, making a total membership of 130,789, and $61,463.63

in cash had been expended in relief, and $34,138.34 was turned over to the Posts, leaving a balance of $77,517.17 in the Relief fund of the Corps, and $122,535.81 in the General fund.

At the conclusion of the reading of the President's report, Mrs. John A. Logan was announced and escorted to the President's side and introduced to the Convention. Mrs. Logan, as President of the Ladies' Citizens Committee, extended to the Convention the courtesies of that Committee and invited the Convention to meet in the New York Avenue Church to hold their Convention, which invitation was accepted.

This worked a great hardship on the ladies of the Department of the Potomac, who had made splendid arrangements for serving lunch at this church, and had the church most elegantly decorated.

The Convention continued in almost continuous session day and evening, Friday afternoon the election of officers being reached. Our own Past Department President and National Senior Vice President, Mrs. Wickins, was elected National President.

Saturday evening the installation took place, after which Mrs. Sweet, the delegate from California, presented the National President with a very handsome gavel made from California wood, and the retiring President, Secretary and Treasurer were each presented with a scenic painting on California wood.

During the Convention we were visited by Commander-in-Chief Weissert and members of his staff, also by Commander Greene and members of his staff, as well as many other distinguished comrades.

In closing this report I desire to say that we were most hospitably entertained by the good people of Washington and the untiring efforts of the members of the Potomac Corps to provide for our comfort will ever be remembered by all the members of the Tenth Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

HARRIET S. COULTER,

Delegate-at-Large.

Committees.

The following committees were announced:

On President's Address:

Julia Campbell.....Hutchinson
Abbie L. Vader.....Atchison
Pauline Woodfork.. ...Kansas City
Alice H. Baird.....Rush Center
Sophia A. Davis.....Arkansas City

On Senior Vice President's Report:

Flora P. Hogbin.....Sabetha
Sarah Harris.... .....Lecompton
Sue McMichaels .....Fredonia
Martha E. Miles.....Albamont
Chloe Leland.....Troy

On Junior Vice President's Report:

Susan Rogers.....Buffalo
Jennie Marsh.....Manhattan
Lucy C. Mills..... Garnett
Inez Jose..... ....Larned
Ellen A. Pratt.... .. .. Douglass

On Secretary's Report:

Julia A. Chase.....Hiawatha
Ardelia Bariteau.....Oberlin
Lanie Lovelace.....Hutchinson
Sylvia Austin.....Sylvia
Pharaby McCandless..... .Emporia

On Treasurer's Report:

Evelyn Bradford .....Concordia
Tena B. Speer.....Lebo
Hattie E. Riley.....ElDorado
Ida Scott..... .....Topeka
B. Sargent..... .....Clyde

On Chaplain's Report:

Almira Robert..... ...Severance
Mary E. Cotton..... ...Wamego
Mary A. Huggins.... .....Abilene
Linnie Dressler.....Parsons
Jennie Coye.....Coyville

On Counselor's Report:

Jennie E. Besack.....Washington
Annie Heacock..... .....Parsons
Mary Clogston.....Eureka
Margaret Taylor.... ...Hutchinson
Margaret Adair..... Pleasanton

On Inspector's Report:

Mattie Leland.....Troy
Mattie Hopkins.....Solomon City
Maggie Patterson..... ...Grenola
E. S. Anderson.....Baldwin

On Instituting and Installing Officer's Report:

Laura B. Bonney.....McPherson
Delia A. Leeper.....Columbus
Adaline Snyder . .....Towanda
P. B. Perkins.....Hartford
Annette Walker.....Frankfort

On Chief of Aides' Report:

Pauline Ennis .....Girard
Jennie B. Simmons.....Wellington
Sallie Martindale.....Emporia
Belle Sanders.....Mankato
Belle Manamee.....Colwich

On Delegate at-Large's Report:

Lila Brown.....Olathe
Millie Webber... ....Lyndon
Emily McDowell.....Lone Elm
Fannie Dickie.....Goodland
Effie Hart.....Conway Springs

On Resolutions:

Corilla Bridegroom.....Norton
Flora P. Hogbin.....Sabetha
Theodosia Butts.....Paola
E. E. Ranney.....Burlington
Maggie Wood.....Emporia

To Visit G. A. R:

Ida C. Martin.....Atchison
Belle C. Harris.... ... ...Emporia
M. R. Wickins.....Sabetha

To Visit Sons of Veterans:

Ellen M. Kimball.....Manhattan
Frances H. Lund.....Larned
Fannie H. Curry.....McPherson

To Visit Ladies' Aid Society:

Barbara E. Pond..... .....Ft. Scott
Helen Mason.... ....
Lucy R. Jones.....Norton

Tellers:

Belle C. Harris.....Emporia
Ida C. Martin.....Atchison
May E. Lapham.....Herington
Elizabeth McGee.....

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 3 p. m., February 21.

Conductors reported all present members of the Order.

A committee of Sons of Veterans was announced in waiting. They were admitted and escorted to platform. The Chairman, Mr. Teeders, announced that they came with a message from their Order which was this: That as time was precious to all they had decided to receive Committees from other Orders at 3 p. m. each day. The President then said that a Committee from the Relief Corps would visit the Sons at the stated time.

Mrs. Flora P. Hogbin, National Secretary, having just arrived, was introduced to the Convention.

The roll call was completed and all visitors seated in the rear of Delegates.

Minutes of morning session read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Fannie Potts, Instituting and Installing officer, being absent, her report was read by the Secretary and referred to a Committee. (See list of Committees.)

Mrs. Ellen M. Kimball, Chief of Aides, read her report which was then referred to a Committee. (See list of Committees.)

The report of Mrs. Harriet S. Coulter, Delegate-at-Large, was called for, but owing to illness in the family Mrs. Coulter was absent.

Mrs. McCarthy asked and obtained permission to present a resolution to the Convention.

Resolution was as follows:

WHEREAS, We highly appreciate the great honor that has been conferred upon this Department by the election of Margaret R. Wickins as National President, and

WHEREAS, Knowing her as we do to be entirely worthy and deserving of this and any additional honors that may be bestowed upon her,

Resolved, That the Corps of this Department be asked to contribute toward the furnishing of a room in the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, to be known as the Kansas M. R. Wickins Room, and further

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Department President to correspond with the Secretary of the Home, and that said Committee secure and forward contributions and report the same at the next Department Convention.

Mrs. Kimball moved, Mrs. Martin, Senior Vice President, seconded, that the resolution be adopted.

It was asked if it were not feasible to have such a room in the home at Dodge City.

Mrs. Harris spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mrs. Belle Reid said she understood that the rooms were furnished already with carpets.

Mrs. Besack spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mrs. Evatt: "Why not favor our own State?"

Mrs. Speer spoke in favor of resolution.

Mrs. Lund asked that National President give more information.

Mrs. Wickins explained that Mrs. Wittenmeyer was mother of the thought that not only old soldiers but army nurses should be cared for. The National Home at Madison, Ohio, is for this purpose, and for the widows of soldiers who have no one to care for them.

Departments are furnishing rooms as monuments to their work, and endeavor to give the inmates such care as your own mother would like.

Mrs. Moore stated that she had wanted to help found a Home in our own State for this purpose and had taken steps in the matter, but found the matter not practicable at this time.

Mrs. McCarthy suggested that the decorations for the room be in our State color so that the occupants would feel more at home.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Wickins said: "I am thankful for this expression of your appreciation of the little I can do. It is but another tie that binds heart to heart."

It was moved and seconded to hold a night session.

Motion lost.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

PITTSBURG, KAS., February 22, '93.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9 a. m. All united in singing opening ode and repeating the Lord's Prayer. The Conductors reported all present members of the Order. The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The Senior Vice President, Mrs. Ida C. Martin, then stepped to the side of the Department President and presented her with a gold diamond-studded badge in the following words:

Mrs. President:—It becomes my pleasant duty on this occasion to convey to you an expression of the esteem and admiration that exists for you in this Department.

Occupying the responsible position that has been yours, we feel and know that you have ever endeavored to perform every duty faithfully and conscientiously. Under your efficient administration our depleted treasury has been replenished, our Order increased in numbers and interest and a general feeling of unity prevails. We feel and know, Mrs. President, that this universal prosperity is largely due to your individual efforts. And, since we have met you in this Convention, and witnessed the beautiful manner in which it is being conducted under your skillful management, we want to let you know how proud we really are of our President.

But, as we cannot express all that we would in words, I have something more substantial to present to you.

In behalf of the many Corps and individual members that have responded so promptly and liberally, I take pleasure in bestowing upon you this badge of our beloved Order. My wish is that it may be to you ever a cherished memento, a reminder of this year of pleasant associations, now soon to be severed. May its possession be to you an inspiration to work with re-

newed zeal for the prosperity of our Order and may the beautiful motto it embodies, of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, ever radiate from your heart with the undimmed luster of these diamonds.

The Department President feelingly and fittingly responded with her heartfelt thanks.

In the absence of Mrs. H. S. Coulter, Delegate-at-Large, her report was read by Mrs. Mattie Leland.

Mrs. Julia McCarthy, Assistant National Inspector, was formally introduced to the Convention.

Special Aides on the National Staff, Belle C. Harris and Miss Allie Myers, were introduced to the Convention.

The Treasurer announced that those wishing badges and recognition pins could procure the same at her desk.

Department President said that Journals of Atchison Convention were on the platform for distribution.

The roll call of Convention was completed, 234 reporting present.

The Department President announced the following committee to solicit contributions for the Kansas M. R. Wickins Room in the National W. R. C. Home: Mrs. Julia McCarthy, Mrs. Ida C. Martin and Mrs. Belle C. Harris.

Mrs. Julia A. Campbell, Chairman of Committee on President's Address, reported as follows:

Mrs. Senior Vice President and Members Ninth Convention: —We, your committee, have carefully examined the President's report and unanimously recommend its adoption. We find it complete in every respect and it shows that she has accomplished grand results for the Department. We would especially urge the adoption of all recommendations embodied therein.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA CAMPBELL,
ABBIE L. VADER,
PAULINE WOODFORK,
ALICE H. BEARD,
S. A. DAVIS,
Committee.

Mrs. Mary Clogston moved, seconded by Miss Allie Myers, that the report be adopted. Mrs. Julia Chase moved to amend to adopt the recommendations by sections. Amendment seconded, adopted and motion carried.

First recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Hattie Riley, that it be adopted. Carried.

Second recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Julia A. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Maggie Leppleman, that it be adopted. Carried.

Third recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. May E. Lapham, seconded by Mrs. Willifred, that it be adopted. Carried.

Fourth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Leland, that it be adopted. Carried.

Fifth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Belle Reid, seconded by Mrs. Olive J. Peters, that it be adopted. Carried.

Sixth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. B. Sargent, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, that it be adopted. Carried.

Seventh recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Killmer, seconded by Mrs. Edson, that it be adopted. Carried.

Eighth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Willifred, that it be adopted. Carried.

Ninth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Mattie Leland, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, that it be adopted. Carried.

Tenth recommendation read. Moved by Mrs. Mason, seconded by Mrs. Woolridge, that it be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mrs. Low, that the report be adopted as a whole. Carried.

The Committee to visit the Grand Army Encampment, through its Chairman, Mrs. Harris, reported that all visits from committees heretofore were reported as being enthusiastically received, but that this Encampment answered amen to all that was said, and gave them three cheers and a tiger.

Mrs. Hogbin, Chairman of Committee on Senior Vice President's address, made the following report:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:—It was with profound emotion and sympathy that your Committee reviewed the report of the Senior Vice President. We find in it such

commendable effort to fulfill duties under the most saddening circumstances, that words do not and cannot adequately express the loyal, heartfelt sentiments of fraternity we desire to voice from this entire Department of Kansas toward her whose work of the year has been so heroically and beautifully performed. It is our wish that this leaf of sympathy and fraternity be laid as another tribute to the sincerity, loyalty and faithfulness revealed not alone within but between the lines of the report.

FLORA PRESTON HOGBIN,
SARAH T. HARRIS,
CHLOE M. LELAND,
SUE MCMICHAEL,
MARTHA E. MILES,
Committee.

Mrs. Leppleman moved, Mrs. Edson seconded, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Susan Rogers, Chairman of Committee on Junior Vice President's address, made the following report:

Mrs. President and Members of Ninth Convention:—We, your Committee on Junior Vice President's report, have carefully examined this report and find it complete in every respect, showing in her work all through the grand principles of our Order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

SUSAN ROGERS,
JENNIE R. MARSH,
LUCY C. MILLS,
INEZ A. JOSE,
ELLEN A. PRATT,
Committee.

Mrs. Lucy Ainsworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Clara Hays, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Julia Chase, Chairman of Committee on Secretary's report, reported as follows:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:—We, your committee on the report of the Department Secretary, beg leave to submit the following as our report: We find it a pleasure to

examine her very beautifully prepared paper and feel that the perfectness of the report bears testimony to the faithfulness of the officer. We call especial attention to the suggestion regarding care and promptness in making out and forwarding Corps reports. We approve recommendation No. 1, which is that a roster of charter members, past and future, be kept in a specially prepared Department book. We also approve recommendation No. 2, which is that the Department Secretary, in distributing the blanks to the Corps, mark in red ink the number remaining suspended at last report, such marking not to be changed.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA A. CHASE,
ARDELIA E. BARITEAU,
LANIE LOVELACE,
SYLVIA A. AUSTIN,
PHARABY MCCANDLESS,
Committee.

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mrs. Edson, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, Chairman of Committee on Treasurer's report, made the following report:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:—We have carefully examined the report of our worthy Treasurer and would unanimously recommend its adoption. We earnestly believe that the thanks of this Convention, as well as every member of our Order, are due Sister Lund for the careful, systematic, concise and business-like manner in which she has given us the report of the finances of our Department.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EVALYN BRADFORD,
TENA B. SPEAR,
HATTIE E. RILEY,
IDA M. SCOTT,
B. SARGENT,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Way and seconded by Mrs. Willifred that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Roberts, Chairman of Committee on Chaplain's report, made the following report:

Mrs. President:—We, your committee, beg leave to report on the Chaplain's work, and must say we are sorry to note the small number of Corps making reports—that out of the whole number of Corps only 142 report work done; but are glad to note the great amount of children taking part in the exercises, thus showing the increasing interest in Memorial services; and we would urge that each Corps President see that her Chaplain makes out the proper report and sends it to the Department Chaplain, that a proper showing of work done in our State may be properly reported to the National. Taking all into consideration, we consider the report very able, fully covering the work, and recommend its adoption.

ALMIRA ROBERTS,
MARY E. COTTON,
MARY A. HUGGINS,
LINNIE DRESSLER,
JENNIE COY,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Jennie E. Besack, Chairman of Committee on Counselor's address, reported as follows:

Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Department President:—Your committee on Counselor's report beg leave to endorse it as a whole, and to call particular attention to that part referring to the careful study of our Rules and Regulations and Red Book, that the work may be better understood and the Department officers relieved in a great measure of a burdensome and unnecessary correspondence. We cheerfully recommend the adoption of the report. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JENNIE E. BESACK,
ANNIE HEACOCK,
MARY E. CLOGSTON,
M. H. ADAIR,
MARGARET A. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, that the report be adopted. Carried.

A Committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced, admitted and introduced to the Convention. Col. C. D. Jones, Chairman of the Committee, spoke as follows:

We are lovers of yours, sons of yours. We look upon the W. R. C. as being true to the name you bear in lifting sons from the slough of despond without which help there was no way of escape. We love the W. R. C. and are proud of its prosperous condition. We love the women of America; they have made a record that appeals to the recognition of men. England has a queen—in America every woman is a queen. In trying hours of the Republic when men took their lives in their hands and threw themselves into the breach, you performed your work at home. Without your support and encouragement they would not have been able to endure the conflict and we look with pride on the services you rendered in that hour.

Dr. Laurence: If any one venerates a mother more than I do I have not met him. I hope to be able to work for years for the S. of V. and the W. R. C.—to work for principle and perpetuate liberty.

W. Y. Morgan: Women of the W. R. C., the Sons think it the highest honor to be placed on the Committee to visit you—even volunteers come, come as to home. Colonel Agnew states that he had but to go to President Moore and an answer always came and came effectively.

Mr. Johnson: Love depends not on age; we are all strictly young men, single men, open for proposal.

Mr. Harrington: My best recommendation is to be introduced as from Mrs. Chase's town and I am not surprised to be thus introduced by anyone who knew Mrs. Chase.

While this Committee was present a second delegation arrived bearing the sad intelligence that the Past Commander-in-Chief, Leland J. Webb, died this morning at Topeka.

Mr. Hoffman was introduced and said: My visit is not consistent with the others. I hold in my hand a telegram. L. J. Webb died at 5 a. m. We have sustained a loss of the father of our Order. Memorial services will be held tonight.

I have not the pleasure of being a committee, not a husband or a wife but love the W. R. C.

An invitation was extended the W. R. C. to attend Memorial services to be held in the M. E. church this evening. Mrs. Harris moved that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wickins moved, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, that as a token of our sympathy and admiration of the work he has done and the honor of his position, the Convention send a telegram of condolence to his family. Carried.

At this point Quartermaster General Loganstein was announced and escorted to the platform by Mrs. Wickins, and was introduced to the Convention.

Gen. Loganstein said: I am not egotistical enough to take to myself your expression of approbation but take it for the Order of Sons of Veterans of Kansas and of the United States who are all bowed down with grief at the loss of one who cannot be replaced, who was firm, true and steadfast. No words of mine can do justice to the work of the Orders or to the truly grateful hospitable welcome given me.

The President said: We are glad to welcome you and sympathize with the Sons of Veterans. The W. R. C. has lost a friend whom they were always glad to meet.

The Sons were escorted from hall by Conductors.

Upon suggestion of Miss Allie Myers, it was moved and seconded that a floral tribute be procured to be placed on altar at Memorial services and afterward be sent to the family at Topeka.

This matter was referred to the Committee on Telegrams and Courtesies.

Mrs. Mattie Leland, Chairman of Committee on Inspector's report, made the following report:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:—We your Committee have examined the Inspector's report, find it complete, and recommend that the Convention adopt the suggestions of the Inspector. We would respecfully submit the following: That Assistant Inspectors be appointed for every judicial district, each district to defray expenses of Inspection.

Inspectors to be thoroughly instructed in the work they are

expected to do, such instructions to be at Department expense.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MATTIE LELAND,
MARTHA E. HOPKINS,
LUCY A. AINSWORTH,
MAGGIE PATTERSON,
Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee were not adopted.

Mrs. Wickins stated that the mode of Inspection was the knotty question that puzzled both Department and National, but that some time the problem would be solved.

Mrs. Bonney, Chairman of Committee on Instituting and Installing Officer's report, made the following report:

Mrs. President and Members of the Convention:—We your Committee on report of Instituting and Installing Officer, find the report to be a concise statement of her work.

We heartily approve the suggestions made as to sending in reports. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

LAURA B. BONNEY,
P. B. PERKINS,
DELIA A. LEEPER,
ANNETTE WALKER,
Committee.

Mrs. Chase moved, seconded by Mrs. Cotton, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pond, Chairman of Committee to visit the Ladies Aid, reported that they were cordially received but found them all in tears over the sad news of the death of Leland J. Webb.

Mrs. Pauline Ennis, Chairman of Committee on report of Chief of Aides, reported as follows:

The Committee on report of Chief of Aides takes pleasure in stating they find the report commendable in matter of work done and manner of statement, and although, as she states, the Rules and Regulations do not define her duties, yet the work seems to provide itself and to prove that this office is a valuable adjunct to Chief Officer in reaching points remote from the President, or in answering needs at times when the presence of

that Officer is necessarily demanded elsewhere. We recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

PAULINE ENNIS,
BELLE MANAMEE,
BELLE SANDERS,
SALLIE MARTINDALE,
JENNIE B. SIMMONS,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Pickens, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FEBRUARY 22.

Convention called to order by Department President at 1:30 p. m.

Conductors reported all present in possession of the proper password of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Minutes of first and second council meetings read and adopted. Convention adjourned to witness parade.

Convention again called to order at 3 p. m. and the Department President said it gave her great pleasure to introduce to the Convention Comrade G. M. Parks, of Washington, our standard-bearer of today, who also carried the W. R. C. banner in the parade at Washington.

Comrade Parks: This is a great and agreeable surprise that I shall remember with more pleasure than many others. As it is near my 50th birthday I shall call it my birthday celebration, and thank you for the opportunity, honor and privilege.

On motion of Mrs. Lapham a vote of thanks was tendered Comrade Parks by the Convention.

Rev. Hogbin, of Sabetha, was introduced as the husband of National Secretary. He said:

I am glad to be introduced as the husband of Mrs. Hogbin. As I listened to the greetings of comrades my first impressions were, the boys all seem old—the sisters younger than the

brothers. I hope those who linger will transmit the memories of those who have fallen to those who shall follow.

A Committee of the Sons of Veterans was announced and admitted. Col. Clay D. Herod of the Committee, said:

I am proud to be with you again, especially because I find my wife here. We do not need a trained soldiery to fight out treason. We did not have them in the Revolution, Mexican or Civil wars.

Sanders—Pittsburg: We had a stranger to dinner, a young lady whose mother is here and when asked if the committee from the Sons of Veterans had been here replied that those Committees were always a bore.

Hoffman—Emporia: Considered the Encampment incomplete without the ladies present.

The Department President announced that at the request of Mrs. Julia McCarthy she had relieved Mrs. McCarthy from the Chairmanship of the Committee on furnishing the Kansas M. R. Wickins room, and Mrs. Ida C. Martin, of the Committee, was appointed Chairman.

A Committee from the Ladies Aid Society was announced and admitted. Mrs. Horne of the Committee, said:

When your Committee arrived to visit us we were all in tears at the sudden news of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, L. J. Webb; but we are glad to come and renew our fealty to you, and work with you in the same great cause.

The minutes of third Council meeting read and adopted.

Mrs. Lapham introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Department President has had all the work and correspondence of securing the design for the World's Fair exhibit, be it

Resolved, That she be Chairman of a Committee of three, the other two being the incoming President and Chairman of Executive Board, to see the work is completed and exhibit placed in position at Fair and cared for after close of Fair.

Moved by Mrs. Leppleman, seconded by Mrs. Hogbin, that it be adopted. Carried.

Complete roll call showed 243 voting members present.

Moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Bonney, that no Committees except authorized Committees from the other

Orders be admitted during this afternoon's session. Carried.

Department President announced that election of officers was next in order and appointed as tellers, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lapham and Mrs. McGhie.

Moved and seconded that in order to save time the Tellers retire to ante-room, with the parties who nominated candidates to count the votes. Discussion followed. Motion lost.

The Department President announced that nominations for President were now in order.

Mrs. McCarthy nominated Mrs. Lucy R. Jones, of Norton, the present Junior Vice President, seconded by Mrs. Bridegroom, Mrs. Patch, and others.

Mrs. Ward nominated Mrs. Belle Reid, of Grenola, seconded by Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Noley.

Mrs. Besack, of Washington, nominated Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, of Abilene, the present President, amid applause. Mrs. Moore declined the nomination with thanks and stated that her successor would have no more cordial support than from the Past Department President.

Mrs. Aten nominated Mrs. Julia A. Chase, of Hiawatha, seconded by Mrs. Gerow and the Corps of the First District.

Mrs. Butts nominated Miss Allie Myers, of Olathe, seconded by Mrs. Pond and others.

There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed, and a ballot taken.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 240; necessary to a choice, 121. Mrs. Jones, 74; Mrs. Reid, 30; Mrs. Chase, 65; Miss Myers, 71. No choice.

Mrs. Reid withdrew her name as a candidate.

The second ballot was taken and resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 240; necessary to a choice, 121. Mrs. Jones received 92; Mrs. Chase, 60; Miss Myers, 88. No choice.

Mrs. Chase having received the lowest number of votes on the second ballot, according to Rules and Regulations, her name was dropped.

The third ballot was taken and resulted as follows: Whole

number of votes cast, 236; necessary to a choice, 119. Mrs. Jones received 134; Miss Myers, 102.

Mrs. Jones having received the majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected.

Mrs. Jones was introduced to the Convention and responded by an appropriate speech.

Nominations for Senior Vice President were declared in order.

Mrs. Bradford placed in nomination Mrs. Edith M. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Marsh and others.

Mrs. Peters nominated Miss Allie Myers, seconded by Mrs. Lapham.

Miss Myers stated that we owe a compliment to Pittsburg for the royal entertainment given us, and according to an established precedent to compliment the place of our meeting, therefore she would not be a candidate against Mrs. Wood and so withdrew her name.

There thus being but one nominee, Mrs. Gerow moved, and it was seconded, that the Rules be suspended and Mrs. Wood be elected by acclamation. On motion Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Wood for Senior Vice President for the ensuing year, which was accordingly done, and Mrs. Wood duly declared elected.

Mrs. Wood was then presented to the Convention and in a few words thanked them for the honor bestowed upon her and her Corps in thus electing her Senior Vice President.

Nominations for Junior Vice President were then declared in order.

Mrs. Taylor nominated Mrs. Julia A. Campbell, of Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Gerow and others.

Mrs. M. J. Hart nominated Mrs. Willifred, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs.

Mrs. Lapham nominated Miss Allie Myers, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Nominations closed and ballot taken with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 237; necessary to a choice, 119. Mrs. Campbell received 85; Mrs. Willifred, 11; Miss Myers, 123; Mrs. Heacock, 18.

Miss Allie Myers having received a majority of all votes cast was duly declared elected Junior Vice President.

Miss Myers was presented to the Convention and made a neat little speech.

Nominations for Treasurer being in order, Mrs. Rogers nominated Mrs. Hinkle, of Emporia, seconded by Mrs. McCandless.

Mrs. Logan nominated Mrs. Belle Reid, of Grenola, seconded by Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Chapman nominated Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, of Concordia, seconded by Mrs. Sargent and others.

Mrs. Besack, of Washington, nominated Mrs. Lund, the present Treasurer.

Mrs. Lund thanked the Convention for past honors and stated that circumstances and her health would not permit her to continue in the position and declined the nomination.

Mrs. Wickins desired that the Convention express its appreciation of Mrs. Lund's services as Department Treasurer by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lamb nominated Mrs. E. Newman, of Burlingame, seconded by Mrs. Adams.

A Committee of Comrades from the Grand Army was announced. Business was suspended and the Committee, consisting of Comrades Milner, Harris and Ford, were admitted and escorted to the platform.

Comrade Milner said: I was delighted when I heard the Department Commander read my name on this Committee. I wished to come when you were not so tired with business. Your W. R. C. reports are simply models and I wish the women's societies of the churches were carried on similar to yours. You have a most glorious work; giving the Posts money; carefully looking out for people who are suffering; training the boys and girls to be patriotic, and now going to have a chance to say something in politics— the new element is woman. Glad to know Kansas woman is at the head and how thoroughly your work is done. We bring you the greetings of the Grand Army.

Comrade Harris: I have not the eloquent tongue of Ber-

nard Kelley or Milner but no honor is more appreciated than visiting the W. R. C.

The Department President said: Nothing affords us greater pleasure than to receive the greetings of the Grand Army. Nothing is more appreciated or more anxiously looked forward to. We can only pledge anew our unswerving allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Committee retired and the regular business of the Convention resumed.

A ballot was taken on the nominations for Treasurer, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast, 235; necessary to a choice, 118. Mrs. Bradford received 140; Mrs. Hinkle, 17; Mrs. Reid, 38; Mrs. Newman, 30.

Mrs. Bradford, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly declared elected Department Treasurer.

Mrs. Bradford was presented to the Convention and made a few appropriate remarks.

Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY.

PITTSBURG, Kansas, February 23, 1893.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9 a. m.

All united in singing the opening ode and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Conductors reported all present in possession of the proper password of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Minutes of fourth Council meeting read and adopted.

Roll of Convention called.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris moved that the retiring officers finish the work of Convention, if not finished prior to Installation of officers. Motion seconded and carried.

The Tellers were called to platform and nominations for Chaplain declared in order by Department President.

Mrs. Dickson nominated Mrs. E. E. Ranney, of Burlington, seconded by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Markley and others.

Mrs. Ennis nominated Mrs. Bordwell, seconded by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Killmer.

Mrs. Hart nominated Mrs. Willifred, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs.

Mrs. Shaw nominated Mrs. Markley, seconded by Mrs. Swan.

Nominations were closed and a ballot taken. A Committee of Comrades was announced. Mrs. Alrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Besack, that from this time the Tellers retire to the anteroom, accompanied by those who nominated the candidates, to count the ballots. Motion carried.

Business was suspended and the newly elected Department Commander, Bernard Kelly, and the newly elected Senior Vice

Commander, T. B. Gerow, were admitted and introduced to the Convention by the Department President.

Capt. Kelley said: I need not assure you of my attachment to, or reverence for the W. R. C.; 28 years ago as I stood on crutches in defence of the G. A. R. at Piqua, Ohio, one of the elegant ladies came and put a wreath around my neck. Ladies in war as well as peace have a place in our inner hearts. You know we have three hearts, outer, inner and holy of holies. The W. R. C. has our innermost heart. Whatever I can do to aid them I will do without reserve. If the Department Secretary will write me a letter and let me know where the two places are that have no Posts but have Corps, I and all my staff will go there and have the Posts resurrected. Am glad there are only two such spots on earth.

Comrade Gerow: I admire Kelley's enthusiasm but he lacks discretion. I have made it a rule not to visit the W. R. C. while in session because whatever women do they do with their might. My faith in them never has been shaken.

The Department President said: We appreciate this visit from the newly elected Department Commander and Senior Vice Commander more than we can tell. The Woman's Relief Corps has but one object and that is to assist the Grand Army in every way possible. We thank you for this visit and hope you will visit us again.

The Comrades were then escorted from the hall and business resumed.

The Tellers reported the following ballot for Chaplain: Whole number of votes cast 197; necessary to a choice, 99. Mrs. Ranney received 91; Mrs. Bordwell, 27; Mrs. Willifred, 43; Mrs. Markley, 36. No choice.

Mrs. Markley's name was withdrawn.

The second ballot was taken and Tellers retired to anteroom.

Mrs. Lila Brown, Chairman of Committee on report of Delegate-at-Large, read the following:

Mrs. President and Members Ninth Annual Convention:—We, the Committee on the report of Delegate-at-Large to National Convention would most respectfully submit the following

report: Having carefully examined the report find it complete in every detail. It should be very gratifying to all workers in W. R. C. that the membership of our beloved Order has reached 130,789. That the amount expended for relief has reached more than $60,000—leaving a balance of $77,517.17 in this fund, and $122,535 in General fund, which is a good financial showing. Always appreciating courtesies shown our Order in any way, we would not forget the presentation of Memorials from California Delegates. Therefore we recommend the adoption of this report.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

LILA BROWN,
MILLIE WEBBER,
EMILY MCDOWELL,
FANNIE DICKEY,
EFFIE HART,
Committee.

Mrs. Hopkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Killmer that the report be adopted. The consent of Convention being given to add notice of its being the silver anniversary of the National President, Mrs. Sanders, motion carried.

A communication was read from the National President, Mrs. Wickins, asking our Department to contribute towards the National W. R. C. exhibit to be placed in the Woman's Building.

The Tellers returned from anteroom and made the following report of the vote for Chaplain: Whole number of votes cast, 190; necessary to a choice, 96. Mrs. Ranney received 134; Mrs. Willifred, 32; Mrs. Bordwell, 24.

Mrs. Ranney having received the majority of all votes cast was duly declared elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year. Mrs. Ranney was introduced to the Convention and made a few appropriate remarks.

Nominations for Executive Board were declared in order.

Mrs. Besack nominated Mrs. Seeds, seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Stewart nominated Mrs. Georgiana Edwards, of Newton, seconded by Mrs. Shaw.

Corps No. 213, of Herington, nominated Mrs. May E. Lap-

ham, of Herington, seconded by Miss Myers.

Mrs. McCarthy, nominated Mrs. Mattie Leland, of Troy, seconded by Mrs. Chase.

Mrs. Sargent nominated Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, of Cawker City, seconded by Mrs. Jones and others.

Mrs. Patch nominated Mrs. Ward, of Sedan, seconded by Mrs. Evatt and others.

Mrs. Moore nominated Mrs. Curry, of McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Bonny.

Mrs. Robinson nominated Mrs. Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Sanders.

Mrs. Gerow nominated Mrs. Jennie E. Besack, of Washington, seconded by Mrs. Kimball.

Mrs. Chase nominated Mrs. Julia Campbell, of Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. Perkins nominated Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Watkins.

Mrs. Willifred nominated Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs.

Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Campbell declined the nominations.

Mrs. Seeds moved that we vote for all members at once and the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared the newly elected Board. Carried.

The ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

The question of contributing towards the National W. R. C. exhibit was discussed. Mrs. Wickins took the chair and Mrs. Moore moved that we donate $25 from our General fund for this purpose, seconded by Mrs. Besack. Carried.

The Treasurer reported $163.65 on hand in World's Fair fund for our State exhibit.

Mrs. McCarthy moved that the $3.90 left in Testimonial fund for Department President be donated to the Committee for furnishing the Kansas M. R. Wickins room. Seconded, and motion carried.

Mrs. Ward, of Sedan, introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It has been a custom with a few Corps to serve dinner on Memorial Day either for profit or to the veterans, and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Convention that such

practice detracts from the solemnity of the rites due to this day, sacred to the memory of our fallen heroes, therefore be it

Resolved, That participation in any scheme for either money or merry-making upon the 30th day of May should be prohibited.

Mrs. Alrich moved to amend the resolution by substituting the words "should be disapproved" for the words "should be prohibited." Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Killmer moved, seconded by Mrs. Chase, that the resolution as amended be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Flora P. Hogbin made the following report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1.

Inasmuch as a great many members of our Department will be unable to visit the World's Fair,

Resolved, That the World's Fair design be taken to the next Department Convention before being placed in the rotunda of the Capitol at Topeka.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 2.

WHEREAS, in almost every Southern city a monument has been erected in memory of the Confederate dead, and

WHEREAS, Scarcely a single memorial to the defenders of the flag can be found on the sunny plains of our blood baptized State, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to solicit funds for the erection of a monument commensurate with the wealth and patriotism of our commonwealth, and further, that one-eighth of the per capita tax be donated to said fund; such monument to be built on the Capitol grounds at Topeka, alike a lasting testimonial to the valor of the Kansas soldiers and of the graveful appreciation of those who have profited by their self sacrifice.

In view of the fact that a special demand is made this year upon our Treasury for the World's Fair, and as at the time of the decision of this Convention in regard to the amount of per capita tax levied upon the members this additional expenditure was not taken into consideration, your committee is not in favor of the resolution at the present time.

Resolution No. 3.

Resolved, That each Corps be furnished two copies of the Proceedings of the Ninth Department Convention; also that one copy be sent every voting member present free of charge.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 4.

Resolved, That we petition National Woman's Relief Corps to again place on the free list Relief Reports to Commanders.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 5.

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans have our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have been called upon to sustain in their respective organizations by the death of their Comrade and Brother, General Leland J. Webb.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 6.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Railways of Kansas for reduced rates to our delegates.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 7.

Resolved, That thanks be tendered the Abilene Reflector for the prepared tablets for balloting.

Recommended by Committee.

Resolution No. 8.

Last but not least

Resolved, That our most hearty thanks and appreciation be extended General Russel Corps No. 98 and its capable Executive Committee for the admirable arrangements made for our pleasure and convenience, the beautiful decorations under which we have sat and held such harmonious and delightful sessions; to the Pastor of this church and his people; to the pianist who has been faithfully present from first to last; to the comrade janitor for his services; to the press of this city for their pleasant notices; to the citizens of Pittsburg, whose hearts and homes have welcomed us, whose beautiful badges have decorated us,

whose magnificent and seasonable hospitality has so generously on every hand greeted us.

CORILLA BRIDEGROOM,
FLORA P. HOGBIN,
MRS. E. E. RANNEY,
THEODOSIA BUTTS,
MAGGIE WOOD,
Committee.

Moved and seconded that the resolutions be acted upon separately. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1.

Moved by Mrs. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Leland, that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2.

Mrs. McCarthy moved and it was seconded that the resolution be not adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3.

Moved by Mrs. Lapham, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

A Committee of Comrades from the Grand Army was announced. Business was suspended and the Committee, consisting of Comrades McCarthy, Linn and Kelley, were admitted and introduced to the convention.

Commander McCarthy, in behalf of the Committee, said that this Committee has been appointed by the Department Commander to extend an invitation to the Departmant Officers to hold a joint installation at the Opera house at 1:30 P. M. today.

The Department President, on behalf of the Department, accepted the invitation and thanked the Committee for its courtesy. The Committee then retired.

The business of the Convention was resumed.

The Tellers returned from anteroom and reported the result of the ballot for members of the Executive Board:

Mrs. Seeds received 170, Mrs. Lapham 149, Mrs. Alrich 138,

Mrs. Leland 111, Mrs. Besack 136, Mrs. Ward 75, Mrs. Edwards 67, Mrs. Taylor 52, Mrs. Hart 32.

Mrs. Seeds, Mrs. Lapham, Mrs. Alrich, Mrs. Besack and Mrs. Leland having received the five highest number of votes cast were duly declared elected members of the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

The Department President stated that we were entitled to eleven delegates to National Convention.

Mrs. Lapham moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, that each Congressional District place in nomination one delegate and that the other four be elected by the Convention. Motion carried.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of four delegates to the National Convention.

Mrs. Besack nominated Mrs. Maude Gerow, seconded by Corps No. 72.

Mrs. Lund nominated Mrs. Ida C. Martin, seconded by Mrs. McCandless.

Mrs. Seeds nominated Mrs. Kimball, seconded by Mrs. Riley and others.

Mrs. Stewart nominated Mrs. James, seconded by Mrs. Holland.

Mrs. Carson was nominated, seconded by Mrs. Hendry.

Mrs. Hammon nominated Mrs. Clogston, seconded by Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. Ward nominated Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Sargent.

Mrs. Low nominated Mrs. Hutzell, seconded by Mrs. Cotton.

Mrs. Myers nominated Mrs. Butts, seconded.

Mrs. Sargent nominated Mrs. Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Stover.

Mrs. Leland nominated Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Edson.

Mrs. McBride moved that the four receiving the highest number of votes be the duly elected delegates, the one receiving the highest number of votes to be the delegate at large; seconded by Mrs. Besack. Motion carried.

The ballot was taken, Tellers to report at afternoon session.

Convention adjourned to meet at close of Installation services.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FEBRUARY 23rd.

Convention called to order at 3 p. m.

Conductors reported all present in possession of the proper password of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Roll of Convention called.

The Tellers reported the following result of the ballot for four of the delegates to National Convention:

Mrs. Martin received 141; Mrs. Lund, 131; Mrs. Kimball, 92; Mrs. James, 30; Mrs. Chapman, 30; Mrs. Chase, 79; Mrs. Gerow, 92; Mrs. Carson, 37; Mrs. Butts, 43.

Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. James, receiving the same number of votes, Mrs. Chapman withdrew in favor of Mrs. James.

The following named persons were duly declared elected:

Delegate-at-Large, Ida C. Martin, Atchison; Alternate-at-Large, Julia A. Chase, Hiawatha.

Delegates: Frances H. Lund, Larned; Ellen M. Kimball, Manhattan; Maude Gerow, Atchison. Alternates: Theodosia Butts, Paola; M. Carson, Wellington; Agnes James, Hutchinson.

The Congressional Districts were called upon for nominations and presented the following:

First District:—Delegate, Mattie Leland, Troy; alternate, Fannie Curtis, Severance.

Second District:—Delegate, Barbara E. Pond, Ft. Scott; alternate, Amanda Evatt, Lawrence.

Third District:—Delegate, Anna Guthrie, Arkansas City; alternate, E. A. Hulse, Cherryvale.

Fourth District:—Delegate, Hattie E. Riley, Eldorado; alternate, Maggie B. Leppleman, Augusta.

Fifth District:—Delegate, Jennie R. Marsh, Manhattan; alternate, Olive J. Peters, Abilene.

Sixth District:—Delegate, Jennie Bailiff, Glen Elder; alternate, Ardelia Bariteau, Oberlin.

Seventh District:—Delegate, Fanny H. Curry, McPherson; alternate, Helen Mason, Wichita.

On motion these nominations were confirmed by the Convention.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution No. 4.

Moved by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Wood, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 5.

Moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Edson, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 6.

Moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gerow, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 7.

Moved by Mrs. Besack, seconded by Mrs. Ainsworth, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 8.

Moved by Mrs. Kimball, seconded by Mrs. Gerow, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mrs. Wickins, that the retiring President and Secretary prepare the minutes of Convention for publication. Carried.

Mrs. Kimball moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the minutes of Convention be sent direct from Abilene to the Corps and members of Convention present at this Ninth Annual Convention. Carried.

Query box opened and questions answered by Department Counselor, Mrs. Belle C. Harris, as follows:

Question.—In addressing the President, should we say Madame or Mrs?

Answer.—Mrs.

Q.—Is it legal to re-elect two members of the Executive Board?

A.—All members of the Woman's Relief Corps, in good standing, are eligible to any office.

Q.—Can a member who has been suspended, be re-instated in another State without payment of dues?

A.—No.

Q.—When the retiring President fails to send in election returns, what shall be done?

A.—The acting President should see that proper returns have been reported.

Q.—Must a Corps draft and adopt by-laws?

A.—Not necessarily.

Q.—Is a notice in a daily paper of a regular meeting legal?

A.—It is not.

Q.—Is there any Rules and Regulations later than 1891?

A.—Yes.

Q.—A member six months in arrears for dues says she will not pay them as long as *that* Treasurer is in office?

A.—If she does not comply with the law, she must be dropped at the expiration of one year.

Q.—When a charter member is suspended is she entitled to receive pay for her badge?

A.—Yes, if she is not re-instated.

Q.—Do we have a right to take funds from the Relief fund to aid members not in any way connected with old soldiers?

A.—No.

Q.—Can Treasurer receive dues when Corps is not in session?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When only one member of the Finance Committee is present at a Corps meeting, can she act upon and approve the bills?

A.—The Finance Committee does not make a report at each meeting, only quarterly. The Chairmen of Relief and Ex-

ecutive Committees shall audit all bills before presentation to Corps for action.

Q.—In the report of Inspector she says Corps have different initiation fees. Can they do this?

A.—Rules and Regulations says: "The initiation shall be not less than one dollar and price of badge added thereto." Corps may charge as much more as they desire.

Q.—In making quarterly reports to Posts are we allowed to report relief work done other than money?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can a Corps President act as Inspector?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is it required of Corps to sing the opening ode?

A.—Yes, if they can do so.

Q.—Should a Past President be elected as a delegate to Convention?

A.—It is not advisible, as the Corps loses one vote by so doing.

Q.—Should every member vote?

A.—My opinion is, she should.

Q.—When members allow themselves to be dropped, should they retain their badge?

A.—No.

Q.—Must the Charter be in the room at all meetings?

A.—Yes. It is not legal to transact business without it.

Q.—In doing relief work are we confined to our Post only?

A.—No. We are to assist the Union Veteran and his dependent ones.

Q.—Can a President legally initiate a person unless the Initiation fee and price of badge is paid?

A.—No.

Q.—Is every member entitled to a Red Book if she purchases it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—A member three years in arrears for dues desires to return. Can she pay all dues and be reinstated without making out a new application blank?

A.—She cannot.

Q.—Is there a law to this effect, that the necessities of life be provided our disabled ones, when their pensions are inadequate?

A.—There is no such law.

Q.—Should not a member, granted a transfer card, return her badge which if not presented within one year, acts as an honorable discharge?

A.—Yes.

Q.—A member true and loyal and has paid all her dues, but will not wear or buy a badge, can she receive a transfer card?

A.—Members must comply with the law.

Q.—Should the badge of our Order be placed upon our deceased members?

A.—We have no law prohibiting it.

Q.—Should not the Corps Secretary's books show the amount of money on hand, same as Treasurer's books?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can a President properly perform the initiation ceremony without pinning on the badge?

A.—No.

Q.—Is it understood that a member of our Order who is a loyal woman is only eligible to assistance when needy, from the General fund?

A.—It should be so understood.

Q.—When the Corps is in line of march, for instance, on Memorial Day, where is the Chaplain's place?

A.—With the Treasurer in the rear of Junior Vice and Secretary.

Q.—In case it is impossible for President, Senior Vice

President or Junior Vice President to attend Convention, can there be a legal substitute?

A.—No.

Q.—Is it proper for delegates to wear other badges than those of the W. R. C. in Convention?

A.—There is no law prohibiting other badges, so that the official badge of the W. R. C. is worn.

Q.—Can the Chairman of the Executive Committee furnish a substitute to work in her place in case of sickness or unavoidable absence?

A.—The member who comes next in rotation on the Executive Committee should perform the work of the Chairman.

Q.—Can any member in good standing be elected to an office if not present?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do Corps have to give their Posts an itemized account of relief extended?

A.—No, but in case the Post request it, the Corps should be willing to grant the request.

Q.—Can a Corps President or any other member be exempt from dues by the consent of the Corps.

A.—No.

Mrs. Chase moved, Mrs. Harris seconded, that the report be accepted. Carried.

By request the Executive Committee of Gen. Russell Corps, No. 98, consisting of Mrs. Georgia, Mrs. Hinman, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Klock and Mrs. Rogers, were escorted to platform and introduced to the Convention.

Minutes of morning session read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Ward, of Sedan, introduced the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1.

Whereas, Our retiring President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, has by her admirable conduct of the affairs of the Department, evolved order from chaos and a full treasury from one bankrupt; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered her for the efficient management of the business of the Department, and also for promptness, firmness and courtesy in presiding over the sessions of this Convention.

Resolution No. 2.

WHEREAS, We are indebted to our efficient presiding officer for the presence of the comrades of the Grand Army during the reading of the reports of the Department officers, an attendance which resulted in very flattering but merited praise of the conduct of W. R. C. business during the year, and also, as we believe, in cementing the ties which unite the Grand Army and the W. R. C.; therefore,

Resolved, That we offer our thanks to the Department President for this innovation and further, that we request her successors to extend a like invitation to the comrades at each succeeding Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Willifred, that the resolutions be adopted. Carried by a rising vote.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mrs. Chase, that the minutes of this afternoon session be left to the out-going Council to approve. Mrs. Wickins moved to amend the motion so as to include any unfinished business. Seconded, amendment accepted and motion as amended carried.

Mrs. Lund moved that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to our efficient Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Ninth Annual Convention of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, was declared closed in due form.

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Minutes of First Council Meeting.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, February 28, 1892.

A meeting of the newly elected Council, called by the Department President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, was held at Hotel Byram, Atchison, February 28, 1892.

Meeting called to order by the President, all members reported present except Chaplain Mary K. Holland.

M. R. Wickins suggested that the first business to be considered was the indebtedness of the Department, which amounts to about $249, and that we confer together to devise ways and means for the payment of the same. The matter was thoroughly discussed, but no action taken.

The Executive Board having been in session, the Chairman reported the following appointments for confirmation: Secretary of Board, Mrs. Belle Reid; Auditing Committee, Mrs. M. R. Wickins, Mrs. Mary E. Lapham and Mrs. Fannie H. Curry.

Moved by Mrs. Edith M. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Ida C. Martin, that said appointments be approved. Carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Wickins, seconded by Mrs. Martin, and carried, the President, Secretary and Treasurer were each allowed a contingent fund of $10 a month for office expense.

Moved by Miss Allie Myers, seconded by Mrs. Belle Reid, that all bills be sent monthly to the Executive Board for approval. Carried.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Second Council Meeting.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Feb. 20, 1893.

Pursuant to a call of the Department President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Council convened at 5:30 p. m. in the parlor of Hotel Stillwell, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Meeting called to order by the Department President. The following members reported present: President, Ida Wilson Moore; Junior Vice President, Lucy R. Jones; Treasurer, Frances H. Lund; Chaplain, Mary K. Holland; Counselor, Belle C. Harris; Inspector, Edith M. Wood; Executive Board, M. R. Wickins and May E. Lapham; Secretary, Alice M. Seeds.

Owing to the absence of five members, it was decided to talk over the business informally and hold an adjourned meeting later for the transaction of business.

Council called to order at 7 p. m. All members present except Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Curry. Minutes of first meeting read and approved. Meeting adjourned to meet after reception. Council called to o der at 10 p. m., all members reporting present except Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Fannie S. Potts.

President called for report of Executive Board. As it was not prepared to present its report at this meeting it was granted further time.

The President reported Corps Nos. 30, 81 and 134 delinquent for over one year, although repeated efforts had been made to reinstate them, and requested the Council to take some action in the matter. Moved by Mrs. Wickins seconded by Mrs. Lapham that inasmuch as these Corps are virtually disbanded, the Council recommends that the Convention instruct the incoming President to detail competent persons residing near these Corps to visit them, and procure their supplies. Carried.

The Department President asked the Council its opinion regarding the advisibility of holding an open session of the Convention, that visitors might be admitted to hear the reports of the Department officers. The subject was discussed and upon motion of Miss Myers, seconded by Mrs. Jones, it was voted to hold an open session at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Third Council Meeting.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Feb. 21, 1893.

Council convened at 7:30 p. m. and was called to order by the Department President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore.

Those present were Mesdames Moore, Jones, Martin, Seeds, Lund, Harris, Wickins, Lapham, Reid, Curry and Miss Myers. Minutes of second Council meeting read and approved.

The Chairman of the Executive Board, Miss Myers, presented the following report of the work accomplished during the year:

Mrs. President and Members of Department Council:—As Chairman of the Executive Board elected by the Convention held at Atchison, Feb. 24th, 25th and 26th, 1892, I have the honor to submit to you and through you, to the Ninth Annual Convention, the following report of the work done by the Board during the official year: Our first meeting was held after the close of the Atchison Convention, on Feb. 26, 1892, at Hotel Byram. The business of this meeting is embodied in the following minutes:

ATCHISON, Feb. 27, 1892.

The new Executive Board met in Hotel Byram, Feb. 27, the following members present: Allie Myers, Chairman, M. R. Wickins, May E. Lapham and Belle Reid.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee: Margaret R. Wickins, May E. Lapham and Fannie H. Curry.

Belle Reid was appointed Secretary of Board.

From the report of the retiring Board we find the Department to be in debt in the sum of $249.

After considerable planning in regard to Department work, and how to relieve the financial embarrassment of the Department, the meeting adjourned to meet at call of the Chairman.

BELLE REID,
Secretary.

Resolution No. 8 adopted at Convention on Feb. 26th, placing the proceedings of Convention in the hands of the Executive Board to prepare and have published, made it necessary that a meeting be called. There being many other things of importance which the Department President desired to submit to the Board for their consideration, the meeting was called at Herington, April 18, '92.

Minutes of this meeting are as follows:

HERINGTON, KAS., April 18, 1892.

The Executive Board in compliance with a call of the Chairman, Miss Myers, met at 4 o'clock, p. m., at Harvey House to examine the minutes of Department Convention and transact such other business as might come before it.

The following members were present: Miss Myers, Mrs. Wickins, Mrs. Lapham, and Mrs. Curry. Mrs. Reid not being present, Mrs. Lapham was appointed Secretary pro tem. of the Board.

The Department President being present and having several matters she desired to submit to the Board for its consideration, the Board decided to take up this business first. After some preparation and arrangements for our work we adjourned to attend a reception given to the Executive Board by Corps No. 213, of Herington, Board to meet at 9 o'clock next morning.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

The Department President stated to the Board that upon learning of the destructive cyclone at Towanda, she had immediately made investigation and learned that the members of the Corps at that point had suffered severe loss of property. The Secretary of the Corps was killed and Chaplain severely injured, and that she had forwarded to the President of the Corps the sum of $35 from the Department Relief Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Wickins, seconded by Mrs. Curry, that we approve the action of the Department President in giving the $35 from the Relief Fund for Towanda. Carried.

The case of Charlotte Ross, of Arkansas City, an army nurse who is totally blind and wishing medical treatment. The

National Army Nurse Committee having aided her to the amount of $17, moved by Mrs. Wickins, seconded by Mrs. Curry, that the Department President have the co-operation of the Executive Board in the further expense of relief to Charlotte Ross if necessary. Carried.

The case of Christina Hyzland was presented, she desiring admission to the Madison W. R. C. Home.

Mrs. Wickins moved, Mrs. Lapham seconded, that the Department President shall correspond with railroad officials, to secure transportation if possible. Also correspond with the Dodge City Corps and ascertain if they are able to assist the Department in the expense of sending her in a comfortable manner to the home at Madison, O. Carried.

The Department President called the attention of the Board to the matter of donating $35 from the Relief fund to the State Soldiers' Home Library fund at Dodge City and a like sum to the library of the Orphans' Home, at Atchison.

Mrs, Curry moved, Mrs. Wickins seconded, that we approve such donations. Carried.

Referring to the matter in regard to Headquarters at National Convention, Sept., 1892, after due consideration and correspondence, we, as Executive Board of Department of Kansas, believe,

First, that to postpone until later to secure Headquarters all the most desirable rooms will be taken and the poorer ones will exceed in price what good ones will be now;

Second, we have every reason to believe we will have a prosperous year and by September be able to meet the expenses of comfortable Headquarters;

Third, feeling that our Department President will do that which is for the very best interest of our Department regarding the dignity and standing as well as the financial interests, we therefore ask her to feel at liberty to secure through Commander Greene, or otherwise, as she may choose, a good, comfortable and suitable room for Headquarters.

In consideration of printing of minutes it was decided by motion, that they be placed in the hands of the Abilene Reflector for publication, a contract for the same to be presented to

the Board for their approval.

Moved by Mrs. Wickins, seconded by Mrs. Lapham, that the contract be for 1000 copies of minutes. Carried.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 12:30 P. M.

Called to order by Chairman.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The minutes of Convention were then taken up and after thoroughly and carefully reading and preparing the same they were left in the hands of the Chairman for final copying and arrangement for publication.

A motion was then made that the expense incurred by this session be approved. Carried.

The Executive Board was entertained at the Hotel at the expense of the Herington Corps.

A vote of thanks was given the Herington Corps for their entertainment during the stay of the Executive Board in the city.

No further business, adjourned to meet at call of Chairman.

MARY E. LAPHAM,
Secretary pro tem.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, February 21, 1893.

Executive Board met in Hotel Stillwell at 8 o'clock a. m. All members present. Minutes of last meeting read and after some minor corrections were approved. The following report from the Auditing Committee was read and accepted:

PITTSBURG, February 20, 1893.

MISS ALLIE MYERS,
Chairman Executive Board:

As Chairman of the Auditing Committee, I have the honor to make the following report:

The books of the Department have been audited three times during the past year. As Committee we desire to specially compliment the Secretary and Treasurer upon the very competent manner in which the work for the past year has been done. We

find the Secretary has so systematized the manner of keeping the reports from delinquent Corps that it greatly lessens the work for the Auditing Committee. The Treasurer is to be commended for her competent manner in keeping the accounts of the Department and the success that has attended her efforts in so nearly collecting all amounts due the Department from Corps, the indebtedness of the Department paid, and a creditable amount in the Treasury as the following report will show:

GENERAL FUND.

Total Received,	$3,859.82
Total Expenditures,	3,175.94
Total Balance, General Fund,	$ 683.88

RELIEF FUND

Total Received,	$395.00	
Total Expenditures,	175.00	
Total Balance, Relief Fund,	$220.00	
Total Balance, Both Funds,		$903.88

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARGARET RAY WICKINS,
MAY E. LAPHAM,
FANNY H. CURRY,
Auditing Committee.

To the Department President, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, do we as Auditing Committee specially desire to express our appreciation and thanks for the entertainment of the Auditing Committee while in session at Abilene, also to the members of Abilene Corps for courtesies extended, and to the members of W. R. C. of McPherson for their delightful entertainment while auditing the Department books.

No further business to come before the Board, we adjourned.

BELLE REID,
Secretary.

Before concluding this report I desire to say, in behalf of the Executive Board, that we felt the responsibility of our work very much when we knew that the Eighth Annual Convention Proceedings had been placed in our hands for preparation and publication; yet, remembering our obligation as members

of the Order and officers duly elected and installed by the Department, we carefully and conscientiously performed the duty, hoping the result of our effort would meet the approval of every member of the Department.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to Department President and other officers for courtesies received, and to the members of the Board for their prompt response to all communications.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

ALLIE MYERS,

Chairman Executive Board.

Moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS,

Department Secretary.

Fourth Council Meeting.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, February 22, 1893.

Council convened at 10:30 p. m. and called to order by the Department President. All members present except Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Potts. Minutes read and approved.

As there are five newly organized Corps instituted this month that have not received their charters, it was moved by Mrs. Wickins, seconded by Mrs. Lapham, that the retiring President and Secretary engross and forward them to the respective Corps. Motion carried.

Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Fifth Council Meeting.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, February 23, 1893.

Council convened at 8 o'clock p. m. and called to order by Department President. All members present except Mrs. Potts.

Moved by Belle C. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the bill of Hotel Stillwell, amounting to $103.80, be allowed.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Martin, seonded by Mrs. Jones, that Mrs. Lapham be allowed twenty-five cents for each comfort in use in addition to the expressage on the same. Motion carried.

Minutes of the last session of Convention read and approved.

Mrs. Edith M. Wood presented each member of the Council with a Convention badge as a souvenir. Moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that we accept the badges with thanks. Motion carried.

The Department President stated she had just learned a few days ago that a soldier and his family residing at Burr Oak, Kas., were in sickness and distress, appealing to us for assistance. It was moved and seconded that it be the sense of this out-going Council that the in-coming President render this family all necessary aid.

These minutes were then read and approved, and Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Greetings.

TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

A. R. GREENE,

Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas,

SIR AND COMRADES:—The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, sends greetings to the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas.

The following is the report of the condition and work of the Department for the past year:

Number of Corps, 254.

Members, 7,360.

Total gain in Corps, 22.

Total gain in Membership, 754.

Amount expended for Relief, $4,010.70.

Amount expended other than money, $2,601.52.

Amount turned over to Posts, $1,478.50.

Total amount expended, $8,090.72.

Balance on hand in Relief Fund of Corps Treasurers, $2,564.29.

In addition to the above the Corps of this Department and their individual members have ministered to the sick, cared for the destitute, and in a thousand ways which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, smoothed the pathway, and cheered the hearts of disabled comrades and the widows and orphans of the Union Veterans.

For the Ninth time in the history of our Organization we desire to pledge anew our unswerving allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic, and assure you in all the beneficent work of your Order, believing as we do that the Woman's Relief

Corps is auxiliary to the most exalted and praiseworthy organization of men in existence, we ask that the Grand Army but communicate to us its desires in whatever department of work in which loyal hearts and helpful hands may be needed.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

TO THE SONS OF VETERANS.

F. A. Agnew,

Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans and Sons:

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, sends greetings to the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans.

We assure you we take great pleasure and pride in your organization. To you and to us is intrusted the care of the needy Veterans of the late war, and also the important duty of inculcating lessons of patriotism and love of country among the youth of our land and in the communities in which we live.

With best wishes for the prosperity and growth of your Order,

I am yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

TO THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Mrs. Kittie Horne,

Division President of the Ladies' Aid Society, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans:

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, sends fraternal greetings to the Third Annual Convention of the Ladies' Aid Society.

While we are auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, you stand in the same relation to the Sons of these patriotic

fathers, an organization that will remain in existence long after the Grand Army has passed away. May your Order grow and prosper and abound in good works.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

Unofficial Proceedings.

The arrangements made at Pittsburg for the entertainment of the G. A. R. Encampment and W. R. C. Convention were complete in every detail, and reflect much credit and honor upon the Committee having the arrangements in charge.

The reception tendered the W. R. C., G. A R., S. of V. and L. A. S. by the Department officers at Hotel Stillwell Monday evening was an enjoyable occasion. A short program was rendered consisting of music and recitations. The reception was enjoyed socially also, as old friends renewed acquaintances and new ones formed new friendships.

On Tuesday morning an open session of the W. R. C. Convention was held that visitors might hear the Reports of the Department officers. This open session was of mutual enjoyment.

After listening to the Reports, Department Commander Greene said:

I feel that this is an important time; a memorable occasion; the presence of old soldiers amid their loyal friends. These relics and mementoes call up the days of the past. This gavel, just presented to Mrs. Moore, the handle made from the scraggy oak trees of Wilson Creek where the gallant Lyon fell, some may be here who saw him fall; this gavel stand, the section of a tree from the battle field of Chickamauga, where the first blood of Kansas was shed with Thomas, the Rock of Chickamauga, where also a Kansas regiment fought and Col. John A. Martin led the 8th Kansas Cavalry; brings vividly to my mind the scenes of fearful struggles. I am glad to be here this morning and have enjoyed listening to these admirable reports. The Woman's Relief Corps is a true and valued friend of the soldier.

Capt. J. B. Johnson, of Topeka:

I want to express the pleasure, the satisfaction, the gratification, the admiration, the respect, and all the other adjectives, at the proceedings witnessed this morning. When I observed the order, decorum, intelligence, and parliamentary rules of transacting business, I wanted to ask the ladies to open a school of instruction to teach us how to do business orderly, promptly, becomingly, and we would send our officers to this school to teach them how to make their reports charmingly. I say in a most emphatic manner, I approve of these exercises. Why, I was the biggest baby, I cried when I listened to the sentiments of comradeship, patriotism and love of flag made here.

Comrade Diehl:

I too rejoice to be present at this first meeting of the women and would enjoy a revival like this always. If we had as much of this patriotism in Topeka it would be glorious. As the first days of Kansas could be compared to the light of a candle in an augur hole or a rag in a cup; the 25,000 people have become a million with electric light, and I believe three-fourths of them are loyal. Not more than one-fourth believe the emblem of our country is "too dirty and ragged" to lay on the table when the minister talks.

Comrade Alex. Johnson, of Garnett:

I am a modest man, a railway attorney. Like the others I rejoice at the patriotism and love of country and of the Grand Army displayed here this morning in these reports. It recalls to my mind the early days when John Brown, Lane and others helped to bring about results that made Kansas a free State.

Bernard Kelley:

Thrice armed is he whose cause is just. The cause of '61-'65 was just, and this of today is just or we could not have the hearts of the women with us. I feel like doing as they do in the M. E church, invite all to the mourners' bench and sing Hallelujah. You have a lasting place in soldiers' hearts.

The Department Commander then invited the Convention to an open meeting with the G. A. R. in the Opera House at 1:30 p. m.

Tuesday afternoon a formal reception of welcome was tendered the visiting Orders at the Opera House.

Owing to the absence of the mayor from the city, Comrade R. H. Sparks, Chaplain of the G. A. R. Post at Pittsburg, made the address of welcome.

T. B. Gerow, Junior Vice Commander, in behalf of the Grand Army responded to the address of welcome.

Mrs. Emma F. Hinman, in behalf of the Corps at Pittsburg, made an address of welcome; response by Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Department President.

John Randolph, in behalf of the Sons of Veterans, made an address of welcome; response by Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, National President.

Comrade R. H. Sparks, in behalf of the Post, made an address of welcome; response by Gen. A. B. Campbell.

These addresses of welcome made all feel that we were indeed heartily and enthusiastically welcomed to Pittsburg.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Relief Corps joined in the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans parade. The Department banner was carried at the head of the line by Comrade Parks, of Washington, Kansas. Almost three hundred ladies marched in this parade and the hearty cheers of the comrades as they greeted us showed their appreciation of good will and cheer given them by the ladies of the W. R. C.

Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock closed one of the most harmonious and pleasant Conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps, each one going home with the feeling it was good to have been there.

General Orders.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, March 7, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 1.

I. Having been elected and installed President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, at the Eighth Annual Convention held in Atchison February 24, 25 and 26, I hereby assume command.

Thanking my sisters for the honor conferred upon me and fully realizing the grave responsibilities and duties of the position, I earnestly ask the co-operation and hearty support of every member in the Department, individually and collectively in advancing the interests and maintaining the honor of the Order; and sincerely trust the ensuing year may be one of harmony, enthusiasm, and prosperity.

II. The following is a list of the Department officers for the ensuing year:—

Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, President, Abilene.
Mrs. Ida C. Martin, Sen. Vice President Atchison.
Mrs. Lucy R. Jones, Jun. Vice President, Norton.
Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Secretary, Abilene.
Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Treasurer, Larned.
Mrs. Mary Holland, Chaplain, Valley Falls.
Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Counselor, Emporia.
Mrs. Edith M. Wood, Inspector, Pittsburg.
Mrs. Fannie S. Potts, Instituting and Installing Officer, Council Grove.

Executive Board:—

Miss Allie Myers, Olathe.

Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, Sabetha.
Mrs. May E. Lapham, Herington.
Mrs. Belle Reid, Grenola.
Mrs. Fannie H Curry, McPherson.

Auditing Committee: —
Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins.
Mrs. May E. Lapham.
Mrs. Fannie H. Curry.

III. All official communications must be forwarded to these Headquarters through the proper channels as defined in Chapter V, Article XVII, of Rules and Regulations.

IV. Quarterly Reports and Per Capita Tax, and all letters relating to Records, Returns, and Charter Fees, must be sent to Department Secretary, Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Abilene. Corps Presidents will see that Quarterly Reports, accompanied by Per Capita Tax, be sent to Department Secretary promptly, as the work all along the line is retarded if Reports are not on time. Per Capita Tax should be made payable to Department Treasurer.

V. All Corps supplies must be ordered on requisition blanks from Department Treasurer, Mrs. Frances H. Lund, and must be accompanied by Money, or Post Office Order, Bank Draft, Express Order, or Postal Note. Relief report blanks (for Post) must also be ordered from Department Treasurer.

VI. It is the duty of Corps Presidents to see that all General and Special orders are read at the first regular meeting after they are received. A second reading is advised that all may understand the orders and comply with the same.

VII. The Department password is sent with this General Order. Particular attention is called to the fact that the Corps President is the only authorized person to communicate the Department or National password, and then only to members of her own Corps. In the absence of the President from Corps meetings, the presiding officer, as acting President, may communicate the password to members of the Corps only.

VIII. The Western Veteran again received the endorsement of the Eighth Annual Convention. All communications for publication from the different Corps should be sent to Mrs.

H. S. Coulter, editress of the W. R. C. department of the Western Veteran, Topeka, Kansas.

IX. The resolution endorsing the "National Picket" was also adopted by the Convention. This paper is exclusively a W. R. C. journal and is published at Monticello, Ill., by Mrs. Flo. J. Miller, price 50 cents per year.

X. Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City, Kansas, is hereby appointed Department Corresponding Secretary. All communications for publication in papers outside of the State should be forwarded to her address, Cawker City, Kansas. Corps giving entertainments and wishing to inform the public of what Kansas is doing, will please notify the Correspondents without delay.

XI. Whereas, A Court of Inquiry, duly appointed by the Seventh Annual Convention, after due trial, did, on September 15, 1891, sentence Ruth F. Durgan, of Jno. A. Martin Corps, No. 67, Department of Kansas, W. R. C., to suspension from membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, and from all the rights and privileges of the Order, except payment of dues, for the period of three years, and,

Whereas, The proceedings, findings, and sentence of the said Court of Inquiry in the trial of Ruth F. Durgan, were, by the Eighth Annual Convention, held at Atchison, Kansas, February, 1892, duly considered and approved; now,

Therefore, The sentence of said Court of Inquiry is hereby promulgated; and the said Ruth F. Durgan is suspended from membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, and from all rights and privileges of the Order, except payment of dues, for the period of three years from September 15, 1891.

XII. It is expected that the officers of each Corps will bring their work to the highest standard of excellence, and that each member will co-operate with them in advancing the interests, enlarging the charities, and increasing the membership of the Order. And the Department President relies upon the officers of the several Corps to carry out with promptness and fidelity, all orders from both National and Department headquarters, and earnestly urges every member to make a careful

study of Rules and Regulations and Red Book, that all work may be done with exactness.

The Red Book, which was adopted by National as our law, can be purchased by Corps of the Department Treasurer.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, May, 3, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

Another year with its varied events, has winged its flight o'er the ocean of time. The brave men and true women of this country will again on Monday, May 30th, demonstrate to the world that the Republic does not forget the price of its perpetuation, nor the immortal deeds of those who offered their lives a willing sacrifice upon the altar of Union and Liberty.

Memorial Day with its impressive and sacred ceremonies is approaching. Let each and every member of the various Corps throughout the Department participate in the observance of this sacred and patriotic day. And as we lay our garlands on the graves of our own heroic dead, let our hearts turn to the many thousands who fell on Southern battle fields and who sleep in unknown graves, buried far from home and kindred, and then in their memory let us turn and lay some of our choicest blossoms on the mound for the "Unknown Dead." Lovingly and tenderly may this service be rendered.

Let the children participate in the solemn and impressive ceremonies of Memorial Day, thus teaching them on this one particular day of all the year to revere and honor the memory of those who died that their country might live.

"It is not much,—this work of ours
That sends us forth with beauteous flowers
To decorate the graves of those
Who fought and died. And yet, who knows
A comlier token to impart
The love that fills a woman's heart?
Bedew these blooms with a falling tear,—
A tribute unto memory dear,—
While standing there with bowed head,
Silent among the Nation's dead."

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, May 2, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 3.

I. The following appointments as Aides to the Department President are announced:

Chief of Staff.

Ellen M. Kimball,	Manhattan.

Chief of Aides.

Maryette Matteson,	Abilene.

Aides.

M. S. Crowley,	Salina.
Ida Graves,	Beloit.
Alice Lipke,	Scottsville.
Sarah Collins,	Sabetha.
M. Matthews,	Cawker City.
Ruth Hendry,	Nickerson.
Jane A. Beam,	Herington.
Alvira Stover,	Iola.
Iza E. Potter,	Clifton.
Rebecca Powell,	Neodesha.
Hattie Williams,	Holton.
Dr. Anderson,	Seneca.
Lena Bradshaw,	Hope.
Fannie Loader,	Clay Center.
Lillie D. Harbaugh,	Bunker Hill.
Olive Howard,	Argonia.
Lilla D. Monroe,	WaKeeney.
Hattie Riley,	Eldorado.
E. Anna Watson,	Eureka.
Jane M. Grimes,	Hiawatha.
Mary M. Naill,	Abilene.
Jennie Hackley,	Arkansas City.
Mattie E. Chase,	Junction City.
Mary W. Buckner,	Wichita.
Mary Bardonman,	Minneapolis.

Libbie Towner,	Kansas City.
Edith A. Seeley,	Larned.
Jennie Fogg,	Wamego.
Mattie B. Hatch,	Wallace.
Emma McPherson,	Blue Rapids.
Allie Tate,	Greenleaf.
Mary B. Younkman,	Goffs.
Sarah Hultz,	Osage City.
Ida Beck,	Concordia.
Margaret B. Baird,	Solomon City.
M. S. Fraker,	Ellsworth.

Special Aides.

Margaret Griffith,	Emporia.
Alice M. Leib,	Oberlin.
Julia A. Chase,	Hiawatha.
Maude Gerow,	Atchison.
Barbara E. Pond,	Fort Scott.
Julia Campbell,	Hutchinson.
Mattie Leland,	Troy.
Helen Sofield,	Washington.

II. In connection with this Order the Memorial Order is issued. Attention is specially called to the duty of Corps Chaplains to make without delay the Memorial Report, and to see that the blanks for that purpose are properly filled out, together with a complete list of the deaths of members of their respective Corps, and forward the same to the Department Chaplain before June 10th. 1892 The address of Department Chaplain is Mrs. Mary Holland, Rossville. (Removed from Valley Falls.) Memorial Day blanks are procured from Department Treasurer.

III. W. R C. "Memorial Flags" to mark the graves of deceased members, can be procured for 15 cents each from Department Treasurer.

IV. The Journals of the Ninth National Convention held at Detroit can be procured at these Headquarters by sending 15 cents postage for the same.

The Minutes of the Seventh Department Convention held

at Hutchinson can also be procured at these Headquarters by sending 4 cents postage.

V. The following named Corps have been instituted during the past quarter: Liberal, No. 164, Liberal; Bacon, No. 227, Bluff City; Portis, No. 136, Portis.

VI. Emporia Post, No. 55, having changed its name to Preston B. Plumb Post, No. 55, in honor of one who was a beloved member of that Post, the name of Emporia Corps, No. 70, auxiliary thereto, has been correspondingly changed to Preston B Plumb Corps, No. 70.

VII. WHEREAS, In General Orders, No. 13, issued April 9, 1891, by Department Commander Collins, and in General Orders, No. 9, issued Nov. 23, 1891, by Department Commander McCarthy, the Posts of this Department were warned against contributing to the solicitations of one Miss L. A. Mints for aid toward a G. A. R. Memorial College, and

WHEREAS, Information has reached these Headquarters that the said Miss L. A. Mints is still soliciting aid from the various Corps and their members throughout the Department, nominally to aid in establishing and maintaining a G. A. R. Memorial College, and

WHEREAS, Such solicitations are without the endorsement or approval of this Department, and apparently without authority from anyone, it is hereby recommended that Corps and their members refuse to contribute anything upon the solicitations of Miss L. A. Mints.

The G. A. R. Memorial College that is recognized by this Department is located at Oberlin, Kansas, and Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins is the only authorized general agent for the same.

VIII. In connection with our W. R. C. publications I desire to call attention to the National Vidette, published at Delavan, Ill. Mrs. Sue Pike Sanders, our National President, has charge of its columns, which alone is a recommendation.

IX. By the destructive cyclone which destroyed the city of Towanda, Butler County, on March 31st, Corps No. 201 lost all of its property, and many of the members of that Corps lost their homes and all their individual property, and are now in need of assistance. The Corps of this Department are hereby

requested to contribute any amount, no matter how small, to aid these unfortunate members. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, Larned, that proper record may be kept of the same.

X. Two copies of the Journals of the Ninth National Convention were sent to each Corps President, one copy to be given to her Post Commander with the compliments of Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry, Past National President, the other copy to be kept on file in Corps rooms for use of members.

XI. Numerous letters come to these Headquarters asking for official decisions, which are not sent through the proper channels and hence can receive no official answer. All Corps members desiring official information must send their letters of inquiry through their Corps President to insure official recognition at Headquarters and Corps Presidents should promptly forward the same.

XII. At Nashville, Tennessee, are buried 23,000 Union soldiers. There are two Posts at this place with a united membership of 67. As these Posts are financially unable to bear the expense of decorating these graves with flowers and flags, they were helped last year by Department of Illinois and every soldier's grave was decorated with a flag. This year they wish to use flowers also and any Corps or individual member wishing to contribute towards decorating these buried heroes' graves will send contributions direct to C. H. Smart, Commander Sheridan Post, No. 67, Nashville, Tenn.

XIII. The heartfelt sympathy of this Department is extended to Corps No. 201, of Towanda, which mourns the loss of its Secretary, Miss Anna Robbins, killed in the cyclone on the night of March 31. In the death of Miss Robbins, Corps No. 201 has lost one of its most efficient and useful members and the community in which she lived an esteemed and exemplary woman. We can only bow to the Divine will and say, "Our loss is her gain."

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, June 29, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 4.

I. The Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Washington, D. C., commencing the third week in September, 1892. Arrangements for transportation and for Department Headquarters at Washington have not been fully completed. Full information in regard to the same will be given in future General Orders.

II. All resolutions, recommendations, and appeals to be presented to the Tenth National Convention should be sent to Department Secretary prior to July 10th.

III. The National Password accompanies this General Order.

IV. The following is a list of the five Corps in the Department having the largest membership at close of 2nd quarter:

Preston B. Plumb Corps, No. 70, Emporia, 99 members.
J. B. McPherson Corps, No. 110, McPherson, 89 members.
Joe Hooker Corps, No. 111, Hutchinson, 80 members.
E. C. Johnson Corps, No. 148, Atchison, 74 members.
B. F. Larned Corps, No. 61, Larned, 72 members.

V. Each Aide on the Department President's Staff is earnestly requested to see that through her personal efforts at least one new Corps is organized during the year.

VI. The following is a list of Corps instituted during 2nd quarter:

Corps No. 108, Robinson, 18 charter members.
Corps No. 93, Coyville, 16 charter members.
Corps No. 132, Industry, 22 charter members.
Corps No. 82, Macksville, 20 charter members.
Corps No. 154, Geuda Springs, 14 charter members.
Corps No. 129, Gaylord, 13 charter members.
Corps No. 248, Lebanon, 21 charter members.
Corps No. 107, Gardner, 24 charter members.
Corps No. 178, Whitewater, 22 charter members.
Corps No. 105, Iuka, 16 charter members.

VII. The liberality of the several Corps throughout the State in promptly extending aid to the cyclone sufferers is highly appreciated by those Corps so unfortunate as to need assistance.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, July 26, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 5.

I. The Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, to be held at Washington, D. C., during the third week in September next, promises to be the largest in the history of the organization. It is hoped that many members of our Order in Kansas will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to visit our National Capital, in and around which cluster so many memories of the War of the Rebellion.

II. The rate agreed upon by the various railroads is one fare for the round trip. Tickets can be purchased from September 12th to 18th, inclusive, and are good to October 12th, 1892, for return. The rate from Missouri river points is $24.50 to which must be added the single fare from all interior points in Kansas.

III. By invitation the Department W. R. C. will accompany the Department G. A. R. to Washington. The official route selected is the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway via Kansas City to Chicago, and from thence over the Baltimore & Ohio Railway to Washington. No change of cars.

IV. All members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and their friends, are cordially invited to accompany the Department President and Staff on the official train, which will leave Abilene at 10:22 a. m., Saturday, September 17th, 1892.

V. In connection with the G. A. R. and W. R. C. train there will be attached Pullman and Tourist sleeping cars so that all can secure such accommodations as they desire, and accompany Headquarters.

VI. Through the kindness of the management of the "Rock Island" road, the official train reaching Chicago on the morning of September 18th will remain in that city until even-

ing giving all who desire an opportunity to visit the World's Fair buildings and grounds.

VII. Headquarters of National Senior Vice President, Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, will accompany the Department Headquarters to Washington.

VIII. It will give pleasure to many to know that Mother Bickerdyke has consented to accompany Department Headquarters to Washington.

IX. Standard Pullman sleeper will be set apart as Headquarters car for the Department President, her Officers and others who may wish to accompany them on the trip. Cost of section through to Washington will be $12, (a section will accommodate four people); cost of double berth (will accommodate two people), will be $6. Parties desiring reservations should apply at once to the Department President. Parties can take this car at Abilene or Kansas City, or any point on the "Rock Island" between the two above named points.

X. Headquarters of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, will be established during the National Convention at Washington in connection with Department of Kansas G. A. R. Headquarters at the Oxford Hotel, Twelfth street and New York avenue, N. W., at which place all visitors will be cordially welcomed.

REUNIONS.

XI. The Ninth Annual State Reunion will be held in Wichita, August 15th to 20th inclusive. The local committees are sparing no pains to make this Reunion one of the most enjoyable ever held. August 17th has been set apart as W. R. C. day. In the afternoon of that day will take place the exemplification of the Ritual and in the evening will be a W. R. C. campfire. Addresses will be made by ladies of the Order and comrades of the Grand Army. Department Headquarters during Reunion will be established on the camp grounds.

XII. The Fifth District Reunion and the Central Kansas Soldiers' Reunion will be held in Abilene, September 6th, 7th,

and 8th. Prominent comrades both within and without the Department will be present on this occasion. The Fifth District W. R. C. Reunion will meet at the same time and place, and all ladies of the District and State are cordially invited to be present. Abilene Corps, No. 63, will exemplify the Ritual some time during the Reunion.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Aug. 19, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 6.

I. By order of the National President another new National Password is promulgated with this General Order. The last National Password is thus rendered null and void. All Corps Presidents are hereby instructed to communicate this password immediately to their respective Corps, that all who attend National Convention may be provided with the same.

II. The following is a list of the Corps having the largest membership at the close of the 2nd quarter:

Preston B. Plumb Corps, No. 70, Emporia, 114 members.
Joe Hooker Corps, No. 111, Hutchinson, 91 members.
J. B. McPherson Corps, No. 110, McPherson, 89 members.
B. F. Larned Corps, No. 61, Larned, 75 members.
Gen'l. Russell Corps No. 98, Pittsburg, 73 members.
E. C. Johnson Corps No. 148, Atchison, 73 members.

III. According to Revised Rules and Regulations the Annual Inspection must take place during the months of September, October and November. The plan of inspection as adopted by the last Convention is the same as last year, viz: "That each Corps President inspect her own Corps unless the Corps decides by vote to ask a member of some other Corps to act as Inspector. Corps to bear the expense of said Inspector."

IV. The Department President strongly recommends all Corps that can bear the expense to invite some thoroughly competent member, either an officer or floor member, from some other Corps to act as Inspector, believing that much more good may be accomplished from inspection if this suggestion be adopted. Inspection may be made at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

V. Each Corps Inspector must send her report immediately after inspection to Mrs. Edith M. Wood, Department Inspector, Pittsburg, Kansas.

VI. All Corps supplies must be ordered on requisition blanks from Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Larned, Kansas. Corps requisition blanks come in book form (twenty in a book with stub) at twenty cents each. Each Corps should have this book.

VII. Each Corps President is requested to send Quarterly Reports to Department Secretary immediately after the last regular meeting in September. Pride should be taken in seeing that reports are sent on time.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, NOV. 10, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7.

1. The congratulations of this Department are hereby extended to our *own* Past Department President, Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, of Sabetha, Kansas, upon her election to the office of National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. The National Convention has honored this Depariment by honoring one of its most efficient and untiring workers. That this honor is most worthily bestowed time will show.

2. Journals of Eighth Annual Convention of this Department have been distributed to the several Corps of the Department. Additional copies can be procured from these Headquarters upon receipt of ten cents in stamps.

3. All Corps Inspectors are urged to carefully perform their duties as laid down in "Service Book." This will avoid much annoyance.

4. National General Orders No. 1 are herewith transmitted.

5. Acting under the authority delegated to the Council by the Eighth Annual Convention the Council has decided to solicit from the Corps of this Department contributions for the procuring of "some beautiful design by which our Order may be represented at the World's Fair." All Corps desiring to contribute to this design will send such money to Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, Larned, Kansas.

6. Corps having the largest membership at the close of the Third quarter of 1892:

Preston B. Plumb Corps, No. 70, Emporia, 111 members.
Joe Hooker Corps No. 111, Hutchinson, 102 members.
Abilene Corps, No. 63, Abilene, 79 members.
Topeka Corps, No. 94, Topeka, 78 members.
B. F. Larned Corps, No. 61, Larned, 77 members.
General Russell Corps, No. 98, Pittsburg, 77 members.

7. Reports from the Department Treasurer show a large number of Corps indebted to the Department in small sums.

The indebtedness of each of these Corps, though very small, amounts in the aggregate to many dollars to the Department. Each Corps Treasurer is requested to liquidate the indebtedness of her Corps at once, that the Department Treasurer may balance her books before January 1.

8. The annual election of officers for the various Corps will take place at the first regular meeting in December, or at a special meeting to conclude the election. Further information regarding the same will be given in future General Orders.

By command of

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ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, NOV. 25, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 8.

I. The annual election of Corps officers and Delegates and Alternates to Ninth Department Convention will take place at the first regular meeting in December, or at a special meeting if necessary, to conclude the election.

The ratio of representation is one Delegate and one Alternate for every 35 members in good standing at the close of the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1892, and one additional Delegate and Alternate for the final fraction of more than one-half that number.

Each Corps is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate whatever its membership.

Corps Presidents and Past Presidents are delegates by virtue of office, and to elect these would be to reduce the representation.

Notice must be given to each member in good standing of the meeting for election.

Members in arrears for dues are not entitled to vote, nor are they eligible to office.

Corps Presidents will find instructions for the election of officers on page 5 of the Service Book, also Chapter III, Article II, Section 5, Rules and Regulations, which should be read to Corps on the day of election.

Any member of a Corps in good standing is eligible to any office in the Corps.

II. The newly elected officers will select the Installing Officer. Should a member of another Corps be selected the detail will be made by the Department President upon application.

The Installing Officer may be a Past Corps President, Department or National Officer (past or present) or other competent officer of the Order, as preferred. Where such members are not available the Post Commander or other competent comrade may perform this service.

The installation of officers must take place at the first regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Joint installation with Posts and also Sons of Veterans is highly recommended—make this the social event of the season.

Immediately after *installation* the Installing Officer will fill out both election return blanks (the retiring President certifying they are *correct*) and forward one copy to the Department Secretary and one copy to the Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Fannie S. Potts, Council Grove.

Be particular that the time of meeting and the name and the postoffice address of each is correct as from these returns the Department Roster is prepared.

III. Corps are urged to send all items of interest for publication to Mrs. H. S. Coulter, of Topeka, Kansas. Items for papers published outside the State should be sent to Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City, Kansas.

IV. The new National Password is transmitted with this General Order.

V. The following Corps were instituted during Third quarter:

Knowlton Corps, No. 68, at Ottumwa.

John A. Anderson Corps, No. 114, at Louisville.

C. P. Taylor Corps, No. 168, at Conway Springs.

VI. Each Corps Secretary is requested to fill out the blank spaces at the close of General Orders.

VII. As the basis of representation to next National Convention is determined by the number of members in good standing in the Department at the close of the Fourth quarter ending December 31st, it is requested that each Corps make a *special* effort to reinstate any members in arrears for dues, and that the Quarterly Reports be sent promptly on time.

VIII. Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, of Sanatoga, Pa., was elected by Tenth National Convention, agent of the Woman's Relief Corps to prosecute the claims of Army Nurses. All Army Nurses desiring to make application for pensions should correspond with Mrs. Wittenmeyer who will give her services in their behalf without fee or charge.

With its hallowed memories approaches once more the blessed Christmas Day.

To each and every Corps member in this Department, the Department President sends Christmas greeting.

May the day bring to each one the fruition of every good desire.

Out of our Christmas abundance let us not forget those less fortunate. May each Corps see that every veteran and family in the community have, on this one day, a bountiful Christmas dinner, given by loving hands and sympathetic hearts.

Our orphans in the Orphans' Home at Atchison, and our soldiers and families in our Soldiers' Home at Dodge City would appreciate a Christmas box from the Woman's Relief Corps.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Jan. 12, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 9.

I. The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, will be held in Pittsburg, on February 21st, 22nd, and 23d.

The Committee on Entertainment urgently requests all those desiring accommodations to engage the same at once by letter, stating exactly the accommodations desired, location, price, date wanted, etc. Full information can be obtained by addressing Mrs Edith L. Georgia, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Hotel rates will be from $1 to $2 per day. Board and lodging in private families, $1 per day.

Further details regarding Department Convention will be given in future General Orders.

II. Contributions for the W. R. C. Design to be placed in the Kansas Building at the World's Fair are not as liberal as was anticipated. While it is true that charitable organizations ought not to waste their funds for *display* only, yet it is believed that a suitable Design from the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas, placed in the Kansas Building during the World's Fair, would promote the interests of our noble Order. The Design has not yet been selected, but will be in accordance with money received for the purpose.

III. The attention of Corps is again called to the effort now being made throughout the various Departments to place all Army Nurses upon the pension roll.

The names of all Army Nurses not receiving pensions should be immediately forwarded either to Mrs Annie Wittenmeyer, Sanatoga, Pa., or James Tanner, Washington, D. C., who will prosecute these claims free of charge.

IV. Each Corps President, if she has not already done so, will *at once* make out a complete list of all deaths in her Corps during the year 1892, and forward one copy of the same to Mrs. Mary Holland, Department Chaplain, North Topeka, Kansas,

and one copy of the same to these Headquarters. This is important and admits of no delay.

V. The Red Book is being revised to conform to decisions of National Convention, and as soon as the revised edition can be procured by Department Treasurer, orders for the same will be promptly filled.

VI. The following are the Corps having the largest membership at the close of the Fourth quarter:

Preston B. Plumb, No. 70, Emporia, 118 members.
Joe Hooker, No. 111, Hutchinson, 114 members.
B. F. Larned, No. 61, Larned, 89 members.
General Russell, No. 98, Pittsburg, 86 members.
Topeka, No. 94, Topeka, 83 members.

VII. Each Corps President is requested to examine carefully the Election Return blanks and see that they are *correct* before affixing her signature to the same.

These Returns must be correct as from them the Roll of Convention is made.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Feb. 3, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 10.

I. The Ninth Annual Convention of the Department of Kansas will be held in Pittsburg, Feb. 21st, 22nd and 23d, in M. E. church, corner 8th and Locust streets. Convention will open promptly at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Delegates are requested to report at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning to the Credential Committee, which they will find at Department Secretary's desk.

To avoid confusion and annoyance it is specially urged that all voting members be present at opening of Convention. The officers' reports are always read at the beginning of Convention, and it is important that all Delegates hear the reports of these officers in which is given the account of the work of the year in the various offices.

II. Headquarters W. R. C. will be established at Hotel Stilwell, corner 7th and Broadway, at which an informal reception will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the W. R. C., G. A. R., S. of V., and L. A. S. are cordially invited to this reception.

III. On Tuesday evening at the Opera House there will be given a reception to the visiting Orders by the citizens of Pittsburg.

IV. The Department Council is hereby called to meet at Hotel Stilwell, Pittsburg, at 5 p. m. on Monday, February 20. Rooms have been engaged for the Council at this Hotel.

V. Rates have been established by the various railroads at one fare for the round trip.

VI. All supplies must be ordered from Department Treasurer before February 15th as the books will be closed after that date.

VII. All Corps having sent boxes to the Soldiers' or Orphans' Home will at once report the same to the Department Secretary that she may include the list in her Annual Report.

VIII. A circular giving full account of Design for World's Fair is sent to each Corps with this General Order.

IX. Aides upon the Staff of the Department President will report all duties performed by them to Mrs. Ellen M. Kimball, Manhattan, Kansas, that she may embody the same in her report.

X. The Order of Business for Convention will be the same as that used by National Convention, as far as practicable and will be found in back of Rules and Regulations and on page 179 of Red Book. The Rules of Order for the National Convention as found on pages 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 of Red Book will be used for the government of Department Convention so far as the same are applicable.

XI. Department Officers, Delegate-at-Large, and Chief of Staff will present written reports to Department Convention. These reports should be at Headquarters by Feb. 16th. Each officer will subsequently present her own report to Convention.

XII. The following Corps have been instituted this quarter:

Saunders, No. 207, at Morantown.
Lecompton, No. 249, at Lecompton.
Bucklin, No. 250, at Bucklin.
Greeley, No. 251, at Greeley.
Captain Hudson, No. 252, at Cimarron.
J. P. Abbott, No. 253, at Riley.

XIII. Through the efforts of Commander Sweeney, of the Soldiers' Home at Dodge City, aided by this Department, Mrs. Christine Hyland, the wife of a soldier, was admitted to the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, last September. Word has just been received that after an illness of only two days she passed from this life into the "Home Beyond."

XIV. Credential Certificates accompany this General

Order. Corps Presidents will see that these are properly filled out. These Certificates must be presented to Credential Committee to secure badge and seat in Convention.

XV. The past year has been one of peace and prosperity to this Department, and in this my last General Order I wish to express my thanks to the more than 7,000 members of our Department who have contributed by their united and loyal support to the success of this administration.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Special Orders.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, April 16, 1892.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 1.

WHEREAS, It has been made known to this Department that one Lucy Nicholson, widow of Harmon Nicholson, Major of Co. G, 2nd Michigan Cavalry, now residing at Russell, Kansas, is in destitute circumstances, and is in danger of losing her homestead, which is heavily encumbered by mortgage, and

WHEREAS, Special Order No. 32 was issued by Department Commander McCarthy granting authority to Posts of the Department of Kansas to furnish her financial assistance, and

WHEREAS, A request from Mother Bickerdyke, endorsed by Department Commander Greene, has been made for authority to solicit aid for the relief of said Lucy Nicholson from the various Corps of this Department,

It is hereby ordered that all Corps in this Department are authorized to grant such relief to the said Lucy Nicholson as they may see proper. Remittances should be made to Mother Bickerdyke, Russell, Kansas.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, June 4, 1892.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

It is with sorrow that the Department President announces another sad misfortune to one of the Corps of this Department from the devastations of a cyclone.

On Thursday evening, May 27th, a cyclone struck the little town of Harper, in Harper county, and totally destroyed the town and with it all the property of Corps No. 156. The individual property of many of the Corps members was also destroyed and these members are left in destitute circumstances.

The sympathy of the Department is extended to these unfortunate families and we bespeak for them liberal donations from the Corps of this Department.

All money contributed should be sent to Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, that a record of the same may be kept.

By command of

Official: IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

ALICE M. SEEDS,
Department Secretary.

Circular Letters.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Dec. 3, 1892.

CIRCULAR LETTER.
No. 1.

Mr.....Post Commander,

.....Post G. A. R. No.....

.....Kansas.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

It is with a feeling of pride that I point to the rapid advancement of the Woman's Relief Corps among the G. A. R. Posts, Department of Kansas. As your Post is as yet without this very valuable Auxiliary, a brief statistic of the wonderful growth of our Order is given:

At the beginning, nine years ago, we numbered but forty-two Corps in the Nation, we were without money, property or prestige. Today our membership is more than 140,000; our charity work over $100,000 each year. We have a reserve fund in treasuries of the Corps throughout the land, of over $200,000. The name of the Woman's Relief Corps has become a precious household word throughout the Republic.

OUR OBJECTS.

First— To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead.

Second—To assist such Union Veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans.

Third—To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends.

HOW TO ORGANIZE.

I. The following information is given for the benefit of Posts desiring the formation of Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. All loyal women (this means those who have not given aid or comfort to the enemies of our Union) who have attained the age of sixteen, are eligible to membership, without reference to relationship to the soldier.

III. Application for Charter must be made on regular W. R. C. blanks furnished by Department Headquarters.

IV. Applications for Charter must not have less than ten (10) signatures of women eligible to membership, and must be endorsed by the Commander of the Post applying for Charter.

V. This application duly signed and accompanied by the Charter fee, $5.00, should be sent to Department Secretary Alice M. Seeds, Abilene, Kansas, and upon its receipt an officer will be detailed to institute the Corps and install its officers.

The following is a list of supplies necessary for organizing a Corps of fifteen members:

Charter with 10 Rituals		$ 5 00
10 Officers' Badges	@ 40 cents	4 00
5 Membership Badges	@ 40 cents	2 00
2 Service Books	@ 25 cents	50
15 Rules and Regulations	@ 7 cents	1 05
10 Odes	@ 1½ cents	15
1 Corps Requisition		20
1 Journal		80
1 Cash Book		90
1 Ledger		90
1 Roll Membership		90
1 Secretary's Order Book		50
1 Treasurer's Receipt Book		50
1 General Order File Book		60
Total		$ 18 00

Forty-seven (47) cents must be added for each additional applicant to cover cost of badge and copy of Rules and Regulations.

All the above supplies except the Charter and Rituals must be procured from Department Treasurer, Frances H. Lund, Larned, Kansas. The Rituals will be forwarded from these Headquarters with the Charter.

VI. All supplies must be paid for in advance.

VII. "Only those obligated on the day the Corps is organized can become Charter members, except should any have signed the application for Charter and UNABLE to be present at organization, they may, if initiated within a month, have their names enrolled on the Charter."

VIII. All Corps must bear the name of the Post to which they are auxiliary.

IX. The membership fee shall not be less than $1.00 with price of badge added.

X. Please read these instructions carefully and understandingly, and be assured the Department President will gladly render any further assistance or information desired.

CONCLUSION.

The Woman's Relief Corps has ceased to be an experiment. So well has it succeeded in advancing the interests of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that it enjoys the unqualified endorsement of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The success of a Corps depends very largely on the character of its Charter members, and too great care cannot be taken that they may be intelligent, unselfish and patriotic that there may be able hands and zealous hearts to advance the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

In every instance the formation of Corps has proved beneficial to Posts, resulting in increased interest taken by comrades, a wider range given your deeds of charity, social relations augmented, a general waking up all along the line.

Comrades, we earnestly desire you to take immediate steps in this good work In case the Post Commander is too busy to interest himself we ask him to give the authority over to some patriotic woman and ask her to act for him. Correspondence solicited.

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Dec. 22, 1892.

CIRCULAR LETTER,
No. 2.

I. Each Corps President will receive herewith two election return blanks which she will hand to the Installing Officer immediately after installation. The Installing Officer will then fill out the blanks with the correct names of the newly elected Corps officers, delegates and alternates to Department Convention, the names of all Past Corps Presidents belonging to the Corps and entitled to seats in Department Convention, also the names of all members in good standing who have held the position of Department President, National President, or National Senior or Junior Vice President. See Chapter V, Article II, Section 1, of Rules and Regulations.

These returns when completed by the Installing Officer must be examined by, and certified to as correct by the retiring President. The Installing Officer will then at once forward one copy (Form U) of the returns, so certified, to Mrs. Fannie S. Potts, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Council Grove, Kansas., and the other (Form L) to Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Department Secretary, Abilene, Kansas.

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Feb. 2, 1893.

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 3.

Believing each Corps will appreciate a description of the Design of our State W. R. C. to be placed in the Kansas Building at the World's Fair, this Circular is issued containing full information regarding the same.

Above all at the top of Design is our country's emblem—the eagle, from whose beak extend streamers containing the words, "Kansas Woman's Relief Corps." A picture at the top of Design is the "Firing on Ft. Sumter, emblematic of the late war, and of our Order teaching universal liberty and equal rights to all."

The picture in the scroll at the right, "Home, Sweet Home," is emblematic of the Loyalty of our soldiers, showing their sacrifice of home and happiness to defend the Nation and Liberty. The picture in the scroll at the left, "The Encampment or Reunion," is in memory of the surviving veterans—teaching a lesson of Patriotism, which is one of the principles of our Order.

In the scroll at the bottom and left is the W. R. C. badge, above it our motto and below it the words, "Protection to Our Protectors," emblematic of our Order's principal object, "Assisting the Union Veteran and the Grand Army of the Republic." In the scroll at the right and bottom is the G. A. R. badge, above it the word, "Comrade;" below it the words, "Our Honored Friends," emblematic of one of the principles of our Order, "assuring them of sympathy and friends," and representing the esteem in which they are held. At the bottom are the "Willing Hands," an emblem of the deeds of the "Army Nurses and all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in its hour of peril." In the oval in the center is the "Soldiers' Monument," the emblem of Decoration Day, "perpetuating the memory of the heroic dead."

On each side the Stars and Stripes are hanging at half mast, and at the top is the Seal of Kansas.

This Design is to be executed on a solid piece of Kansas wood, probably three by four feet; the lettering, scrolls, etc., to be in wood carving, and the pictures to be painted in oil on the wood.

This Design was originated by Mrs. J. C. Trotter, of Wichita, and cost $10. The whole cost of carving, material and painting will be $150, making total cost of $160.

The sum donated by Corps toward this Design is $68. As this amount is insufficient and as cold winter weather prevails and many are the demands upon the Corps treasuries, in order to assist the Corps in raising the remainder of the money required, I herewith ask each member of Department Council and each Department Aide to devise some plan for at once raising $2 each, at least, and sending same to Mrs. Frances H. Lund, Department Treasurer, for this purpose. A dime social held at a member's house to which everybody in town or vicinity is invited would soon raise the required amount. It is not necessary to wait for a Corps meeting before holding this social, as each Aide or member of Council is to consider herself a committee of one to arrange as she may deem best for the raising of money for this purpose.

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Department President.

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